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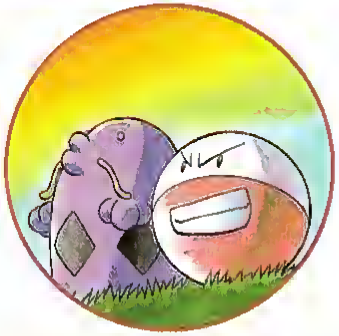


Satoshi Yamamoto

It's been four years since I started drawing *Pokémon Adventures* – my first long-running comic series. Volume 18 also happens to be the 9th book I've drawn for this series! There have been many interesting episodes and characters. Every time a new volume is completed, I think to myself, "The latest volume is the best!" Praising myself for my own work (haha)...

Hidenori Kusaka

FireRed and *LeafGreen* are stuffed full of detailed gameplay – you won't want to stop playing even after you've finished the games. It's incredibly fun because you can use the wireless adapter to communicate with other people while playing the game! Well, my only complaint right now is that I don't have anyone to play the game with. I tend to keep to myself in the workplace, but I'll come out of my shell for the GBA (GameBoy Advance) during the next World Hobby Fair! Let's go to the Union Room!!

PROFESSOR BIRCH

A Pokémon researcher in the Hoenn region.

The story so far

Ruby, who has his mind set o winning all the contests in th Hoenn region, had run away from home in retaliation of hi father, Petalburg gym leader Norman. Norman soon caugh up with Ruby in the Institute for Weather Research, where h attempted to drag Ruby hom against his will.
After a vigorous battle howeve

NORMAN

Ruby's father and the gym leader of Petalburg.

MARYANN

A TV reporter who likes to take care of others.

TYLER

A cameraman, who works with Maryann.

FLANNERY

Gym leader of Lavaridge. A passionate person.

Norman gave in and allowed his son to continue with his quest - on the condition that Ruby must complete what he had set out to do.
Meanwhile, Sapphire, who is also trying to accomplish her goal within 80 days, has already received three badges.
She headed for Lavaridge where she stumbled upon Team Aqua's evil plans to stop the volcanic activity of Mt. Chimney. Team Aqua's activities plunged Lavaridge Town into danger and affected the balance of nature in the entire Hoenn region. In order to fight Team Aqua, Sapphire joined forces with Lavaridge gym leader Flannery, but their efforts were in vain...

ARCHIE

The leader of the mysterious Team Aqua.

ARK

A member of Team Aqua and a user of Sharpedo.

ANGIE

A female Aqua member who uses Ludicolo.

AMBER

Well-trusted by the leader, he uses Carvanha.

MAXIE

Leader of Team Magma, the other mysterious organization.

MITCH

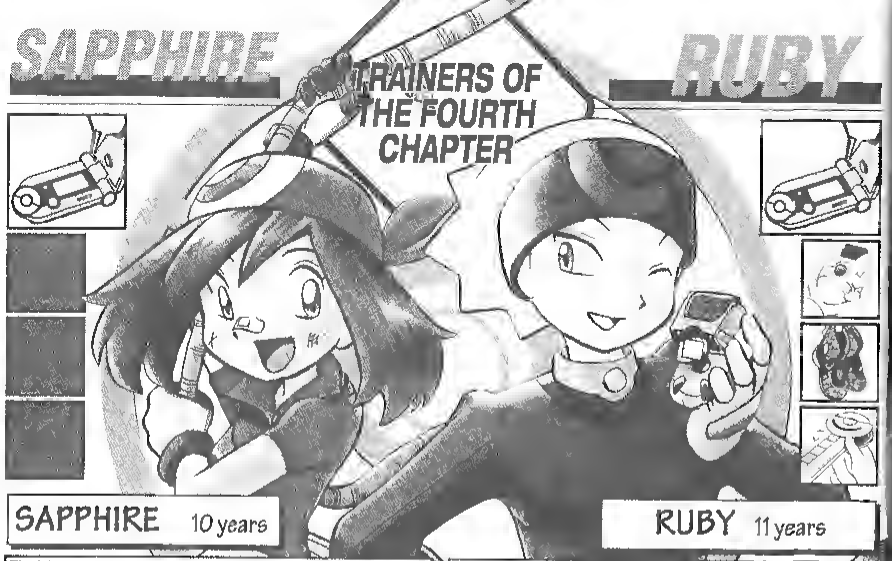
One of the Three Fires of Team Magma. He uses a Torkoal.

MARGE

The only girl in Three Fires, who is good at using tactics.

MACK

The third member who fights Ruby in the submarine.



SAPPHIRE 10 years

A wild trainer, she has set her sights on conquering all Hoenn gyms. She runs about Hoenn, wielding a formidable power over nature.

RUBY 11 years

The young protagonist whose goal is to win all Hoenn contests. He believes that beauty is the most important Pokémon characteristic. He claims that he has no interest in Pokémon battles...?!

TORO Combusken ♂
A composed Pokémon. It is good at fire attacks and fighting attacks.

ZUZU Marshtomp ♂
Received from Professor Birch; a happy-go-lucky Pokémon.

RONO Lairon ♂
This little mischief is proud of its hard body. Its specialty is *Take Down*.

NANA Mightyena ♀
It rules the cool department and has a stubborn streak.

WALO Wailord ♂
This cheeky giant appears when Sapphire needs to get across the sea.

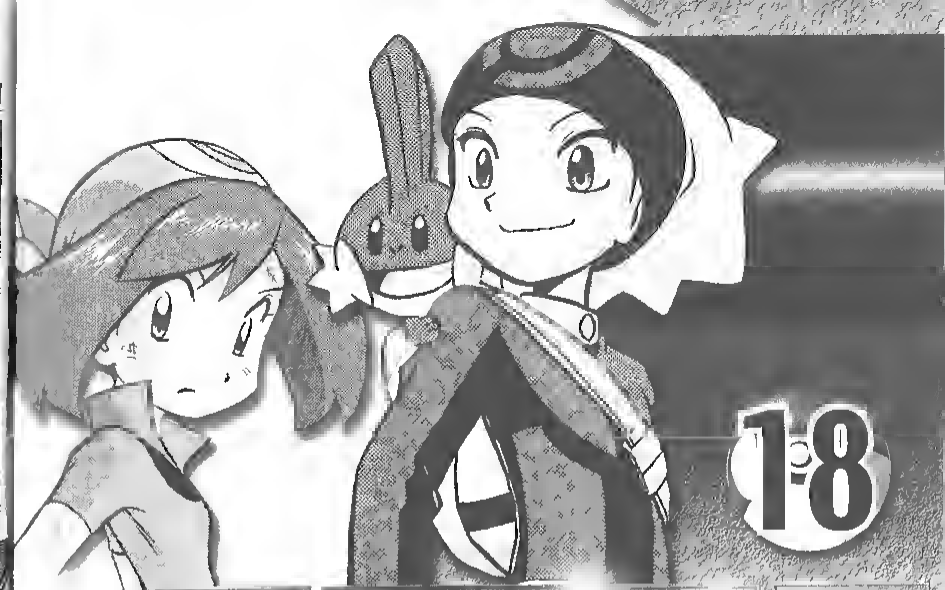
COCO Delcatty ♀
The childlike Delcatty rules the department of cuteness.

DONO Donphan ♂
An impulsive Pokémon. It joined the team in Mauville City.

MIMI Ralts ♀
Ruby was forced to take this humble Pokémon with him.

PILO Taillow ♂
A gentle Pokémon. It provides air transportation and is usually kept in the wild.

POPO Castform ♀
A careful Pokémon. It detects weather changes and changes its form accordingly.



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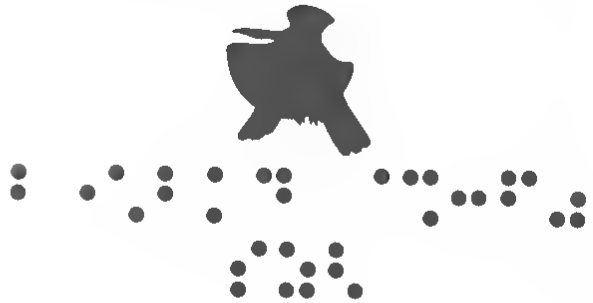
CHAPTER 215
VS PELIPPER II



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The Fourth Chapter

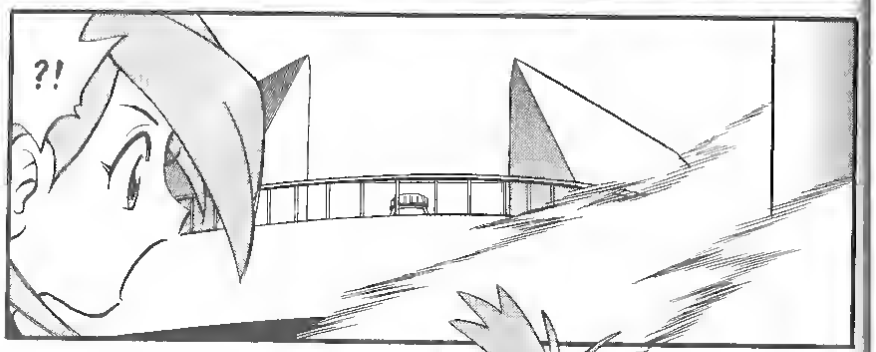
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...
...A BATTLE BETWEEN A LAND POKÉMON AND A SEA POKÉMON BEGAN ACROSS THE WORLDS.
THE SEA POKÉMON RAISED THE WAVES AND EXPANDED THE SEA...
...WHILE THE LAND POKÉMON RAISED THE PLATEAUS AND EXPANDED THE LAND.
THERE SEEMED TO BE NO END TO THE BATTLE...
...AND THE WORLD WAS BURIED IN ASHES AND ENGULFED BY THE FIRES OF DESTRUCTION.

AT THE END OF THEIR EXTENSIVE BATTLE, BOTH POKÉMON VANISHED INTO THE BOTTOMEST DEPTHS OF THE SEA WHERE THEY HAVE REMAINED DORMANT EVER SINCE...

AMAZING!
SO THIS IS THE POWER OF THE GRAND CELESTIAL METEOR THAT FELL FROM THE SKY!!
TMP
THE MACHINE IS FULLY CHARGED NOW. THE ENERGY LEVEL IS AT ITS MAXIMUM.
CARVANHA!

WELL...
ADIOS, GALS!
SMOKE
SMOKE
!!
WAIT !!
WHOOSH
!!

WHOA!!
THUD
UGH...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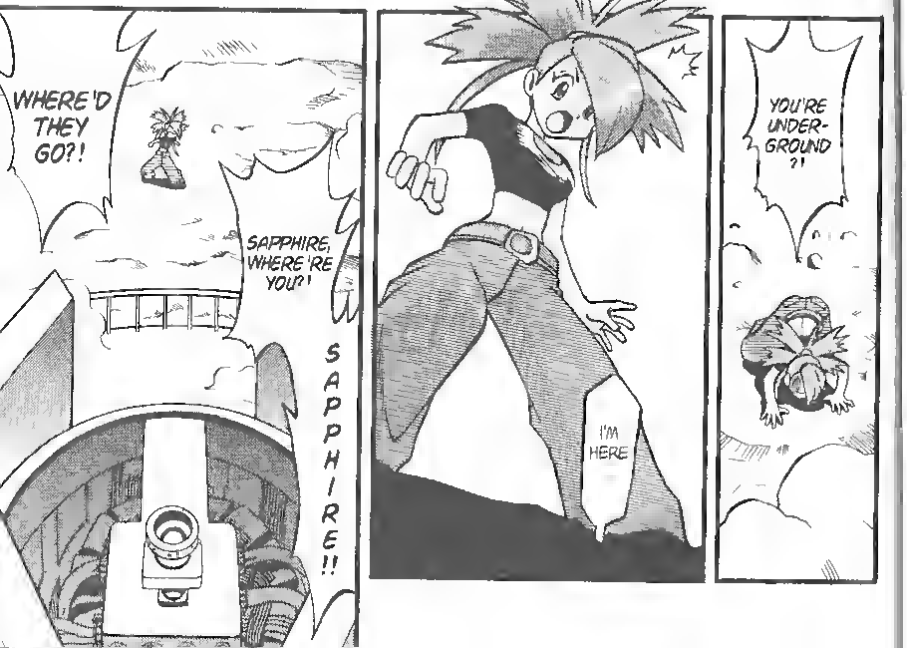

WHERE'D THEY GO?!
SAPPHIRE, WHERE'RE YOU?!
SAPPHIRE!!
I'M HERE
YOU'RE UNDER-GROUND?!

HMM...

FLAME
FLAME
FLAME

THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE, HASN'T IT?
THIS IS THE POKÉMON ATTACK CALLED SECRET POWER.
SECRET POWER?!
YEP! IT CAN CREATE EMPTY SPACES IN STONES AND TREES! THEY MUST'VE USED THE SAME TECHNIQUE TO ESCAPE!!

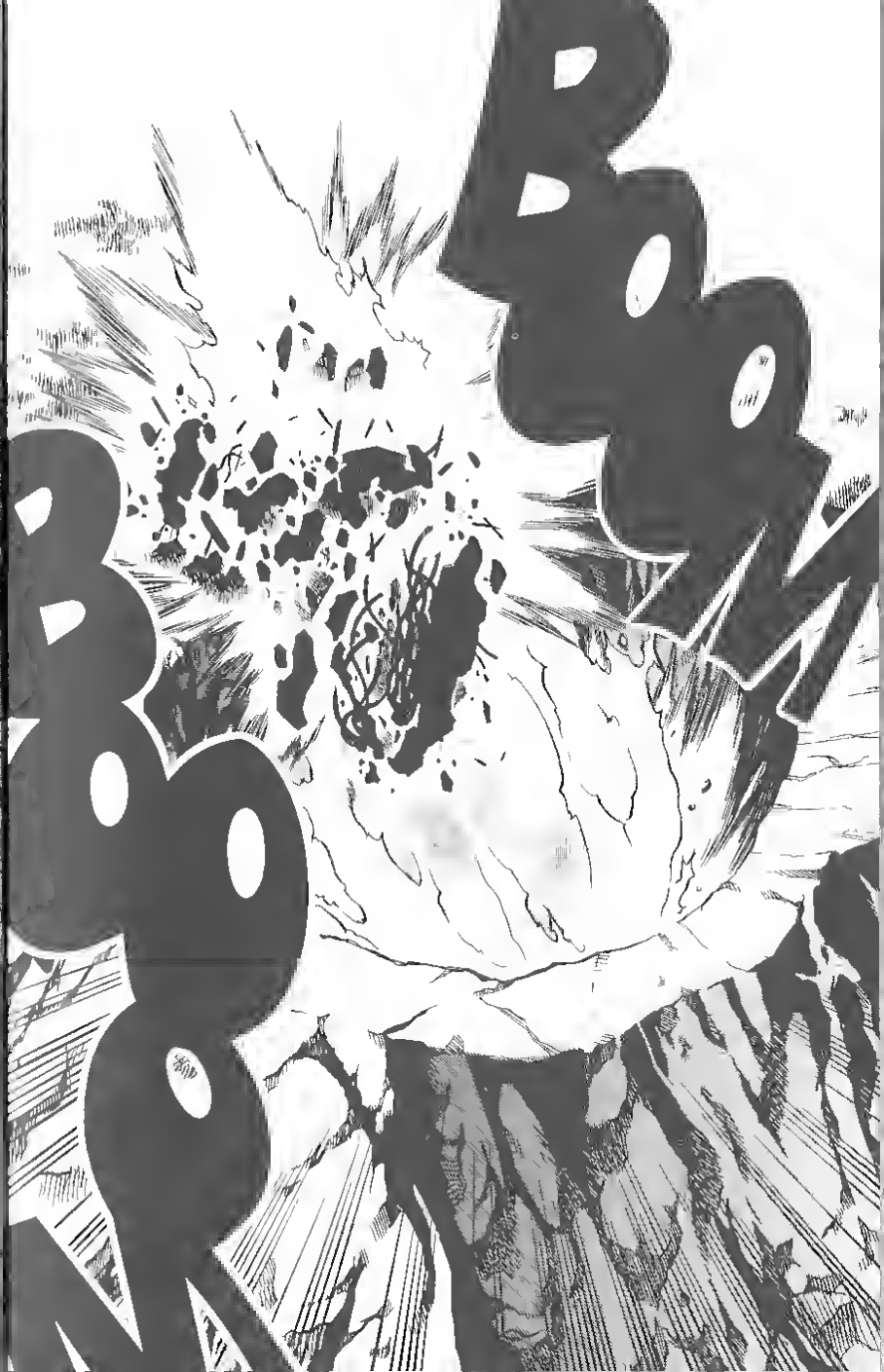
AND YOU WENT AFTER THEM! WHERE'RE THE ENEMIES NOW?!
I CAN'T SEE THEM AT ALL! THIS PLACE IS ENORMOUS! BUT ONE THING'S FOR SURE!!
THEY CAN HIDE IN HERE...
...BUT THEY CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM ME!!

EEP
EEP
EEP
BHAM
WHOA!!
SAPPHIRE! SAPPHIRE !!
MT. CHIMNEY ...
...IS DEAD
AT THE BASE OF MT. CHIMNEY ...
LAVARIDGE
..THE HOT SPRINGS
GRRR GRRR GRRR

SAPPHIRE IS FIGHTING THE BATTLE ALONE.
I MUST DO SOMETHING !!
FOR THE SAKE OF MY TOWN...
POOF
...I MUST DO SOME-THING!!
FLAMETHROWER!!
BLAST
GRRR !
INJECTING WHITE-HOT HEAT ENERGY ...

...TO REVIVE THE VOLCANO!!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA?
STEP
BUT...
THAT AMOUNT OF HEAT ENERGY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THE TASK AT HAND!!
PESKY AQUA ROGUES! NEVER UP TO ANYTHING GOOD...
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ACTUALLY MANAGED TO KILL THE VOLCANO THIS TIME!
DO YOU BELONG TO THE SAME GANG AS THE VOLCANO KILLERS?!
ME? OF COS' NOT! OUR MOTIVES ARE QUITE THE OPPOSITE, IN FACT! I'D MUCH RATHER HAVE AN ACTIVE VOLCANO!
IN THAT SENSE, M' LADY...
YOU AND I... WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!
BLAST
THIS PLACE IS REGAINING HEAT!!
IS FLANNERY TRYING TO SLAM SOME HEAT BACK INTO THE VOLCANO?
WELL, IT'S WORKING!!
PULSE
PULSE
THE VOLCANO IS REACTING TO THE HEAT!!
WAY TO GO, FLANNERY! GIVE IT MORE HEAT!
MORE HEAT AND YOU'LL REVIVE THE VOLCANO!!
SAPPHIRE! THIS IS GREAT!!
HEH HEH! NOW LISTEN UP... IF YOU REALLY WANNA STUFF THE VOLCANO FULL OF GOOD OL' ULTRA HEAT ENERGY...
...YOU'LL NEED THIS!!

TOSS
BOOM
FOR TODAY'S SPECIAL OCCASION, IT SHALL BURN COAL OUTSIDE ITS BODY!!
TORKOAL!!
JUMP
MY TORKOAL USUALLY BURNS COAL WITHIN ITS BODY...
No.005
TORKOAL
COAL POKÉMON
HEIGHT 0.5M
WEIGHT 80.4KG
TORKOAL DIGS THROUGH MOUNTAINS IN SEARCH OF COAL. FILLS THE EMPTY SPACES IN ITS SHELL WITH COAL PIECES AND BURNS THEM. WHEN ATTACKED, IT ONLY PRODUCES A BLACK SMOKE SCREEN AND ESCAPE.
AHH!
BLAST
BLAST
RE STILL
T ENOUGH
T TO FEED
HIS OLD
OUNTAIN!
Y LADY,
ARE TO
IMME A
HAND?!
YOU USE FIRE POKEMON TOO, DON'T YOU?!
UH, YES!!
MAGCARGO!!
BLAST

BLAST
HURRAH!!
ALRIGHT!!
LET'S DO IT!!
BLAST

BOOM
BOOM

CHAPTER 216
VS MAGCARGO

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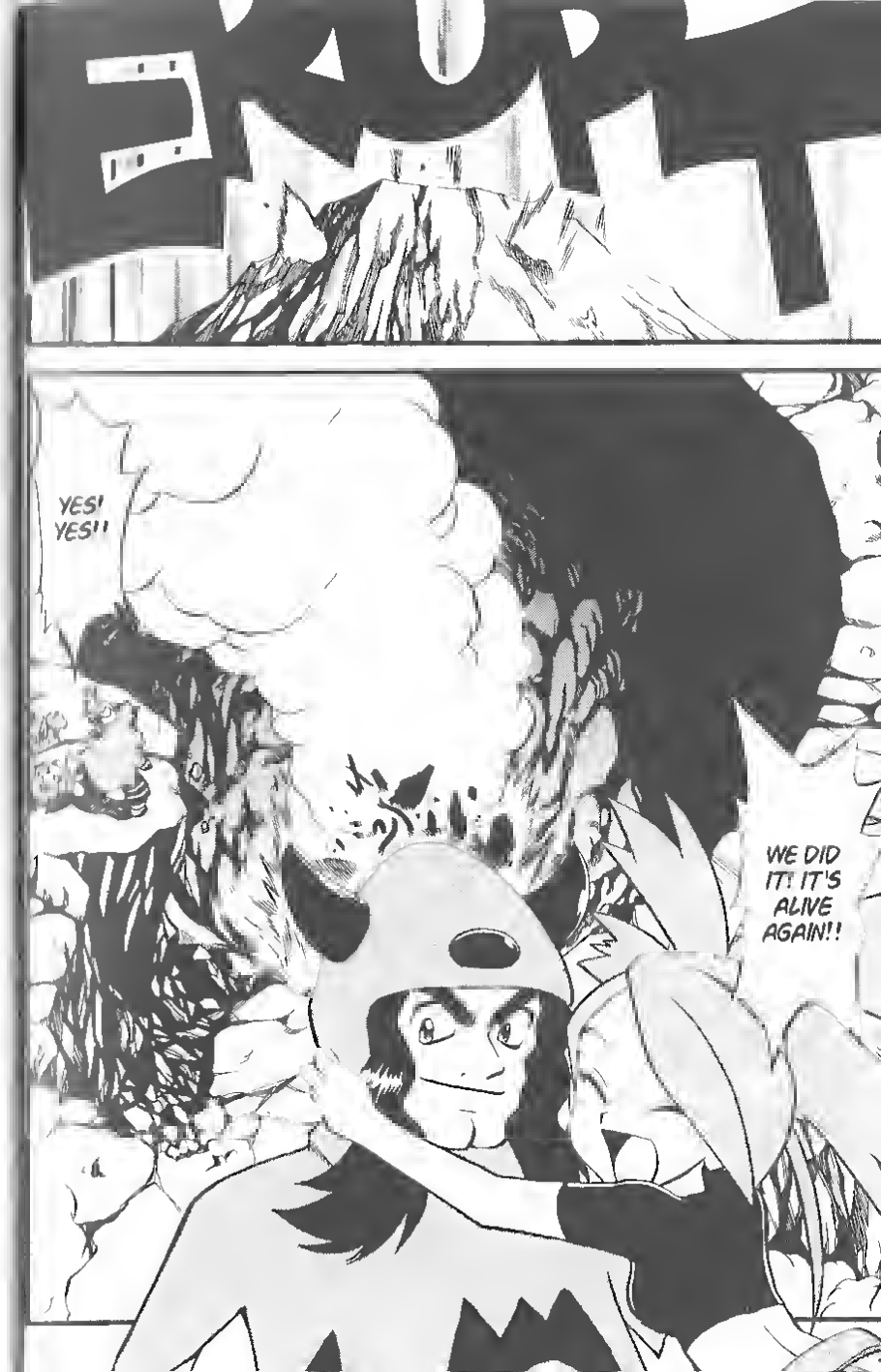
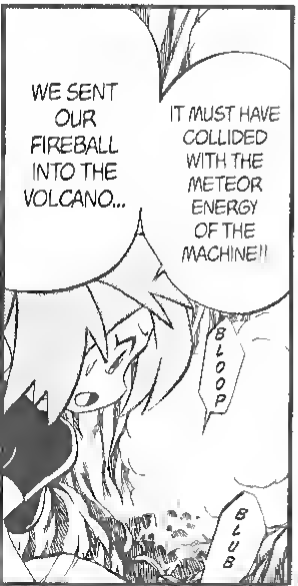


BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BLOOP
POP
BUBBLE
BUBBLE

OH...
WE FAILED?!


WE SENT OUR FIREBALL INTO THE VOLCANO...
IT MUST HAVE COLLIDED WITH THE METEOR ENERGY OF THE MACHINE!!
BLOOP
BLUB

...

FLAP
WHERE'RE YOU GOING?

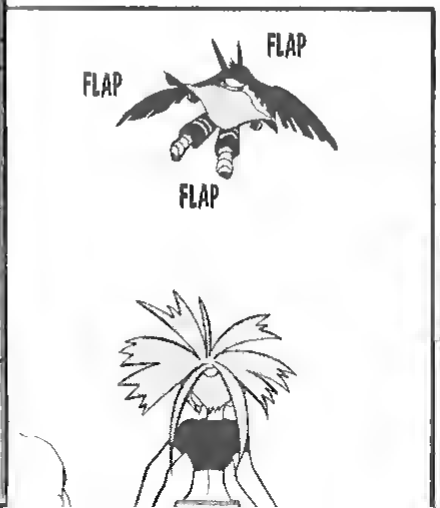
WE USED THE LARGEST, MOST INTENSE FIREBALL EVER! IF A FIREBALL OF THAT PROPORTION CAN'T DEFEAT THE METEORITE, WE'LL JUST HAFTA ACCEPT THE FACTS!
BUT ...

I CAN'T JUST LET THE AQUA PESTS DO WHATEVER THEY LIKE.
HOENN NEEDS MORE LAND!!
NO MATTER WHAT, WE, TEAM MAGMA, WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE LAND SURFACE!!

LAND

WHOOSH

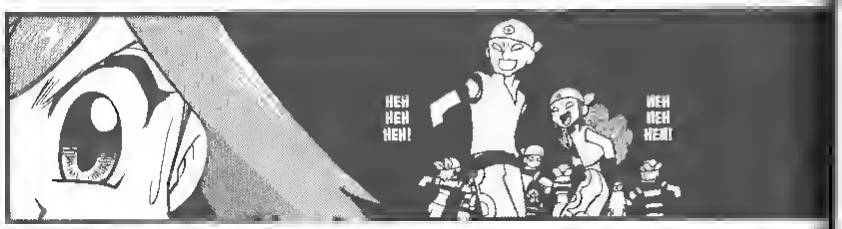
OH ...
...LADY, YOU'RE QUITE A SKILLFUL FIRE-USER YOURSELF!


FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

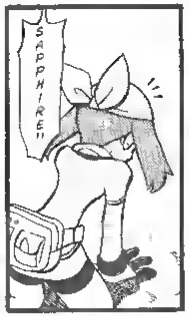
!

SAPPHIRE!!
TMP
SAPPHIRE!!

BLAST
SOLARBEAM!!
HUMF
HUMF
ZOOM
ZOOM
IT'S THE ENEMY!!
STOP HIDIN' AND SHOW YOUR-SELVES NOW!!
TMP
TMP
UGH!!
NOW
NOW
NOW
?!
I'LL HOLD THE ATTACK!!
?
TMP TMP
AM I
WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!!
IT'S MIRROR COAT!!
THEY USED IT TO RETURN OUR ATTACKS?!
THE ONLY ATTACK THAT CAME FROM THEM WAS THE VERY FIRST ATTACK!!
AND WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING THE MIRROR EVER SINCE!!
DARN...
THEY MADE A RUN FOR IT WHILE WE WERE DISTRACTED!!


HEH HEH HEH!
HEH HEH HEH!

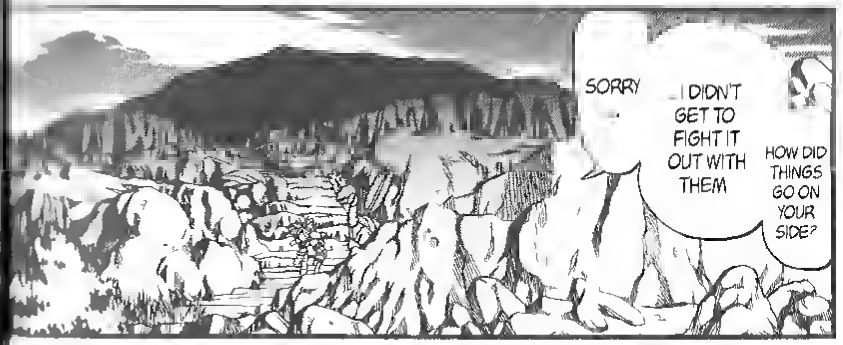
GRRR...
TRICKSTER!!
SLIPPERY EELS!!
THUMP
BASH


SAPPHIRE!!

SAPPHIRE!!
!!

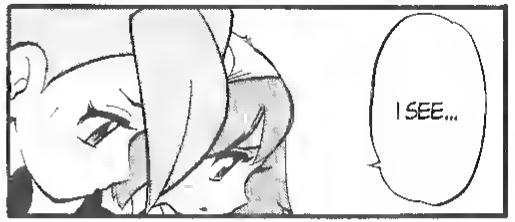
GLITTER

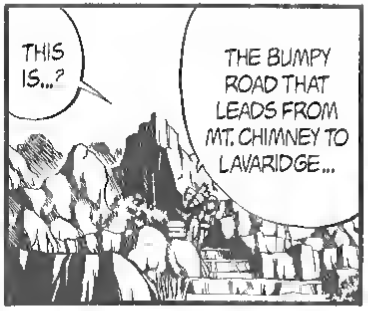
?!

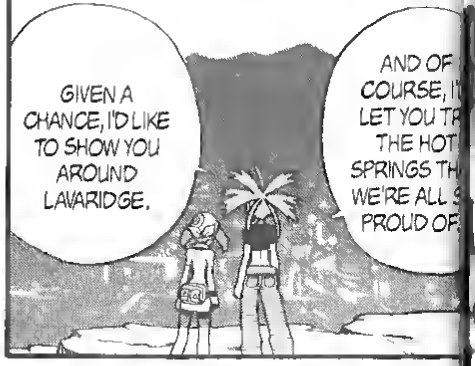

SORRY...
I DIDN'T GET TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH THEM
HOW DID THINGS GO ON YOUR SIDE?

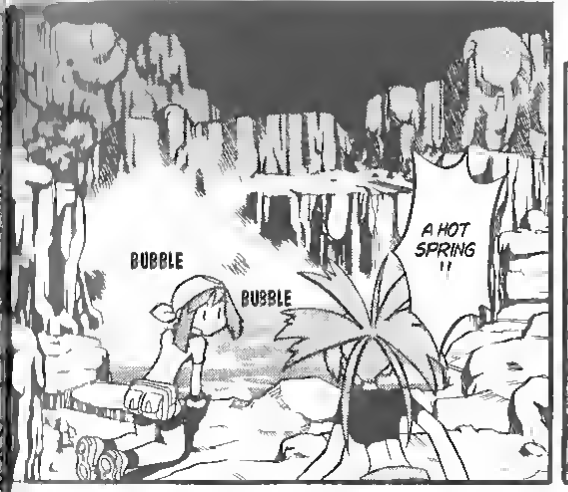
AS YOU WITNESSED EARLIER...
...I TRIED MY BEST TO TRANSFER HEAT ENERGY TO THE VOLCANO.

GIOO?
I THINK I ONLY MANAGED TO TEMPORARILY SUSTAIN THE VOLCANO... IT WON'T LAST FOR LONG.


I SEE...


THIS IS...?
THE BUMPY ROAD THAT LEADS FROM MT. CHIMNEY TO LAVARIDGE...

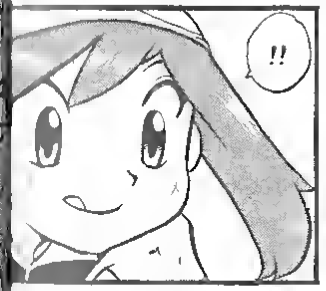

GIVEN A CHANCE, I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU AROUND LAVARIDGE.
AND OF COURSE, I'
LET YOU TR
THE HOT
SPRINGS TH
WE'RE ALL S
PROUD OF.


BUBBLE
BUBBLE
A HOT SPRING !!

HEH! SO IT IS!
THE FIREBALL THAT I CREATED MUST'VE HEATED UP THE WATER HERE!!
LOOKS REALLY WARM...
POP

MY TOWN WAS A REALLY WONDERFUL PLACE.
WE HAD VISITORS FROM ALL OVER HOENN REGION TOO...

DRIP
DARN!!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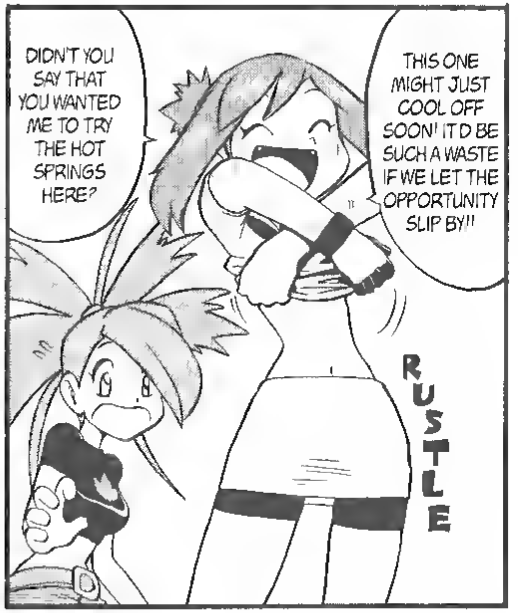
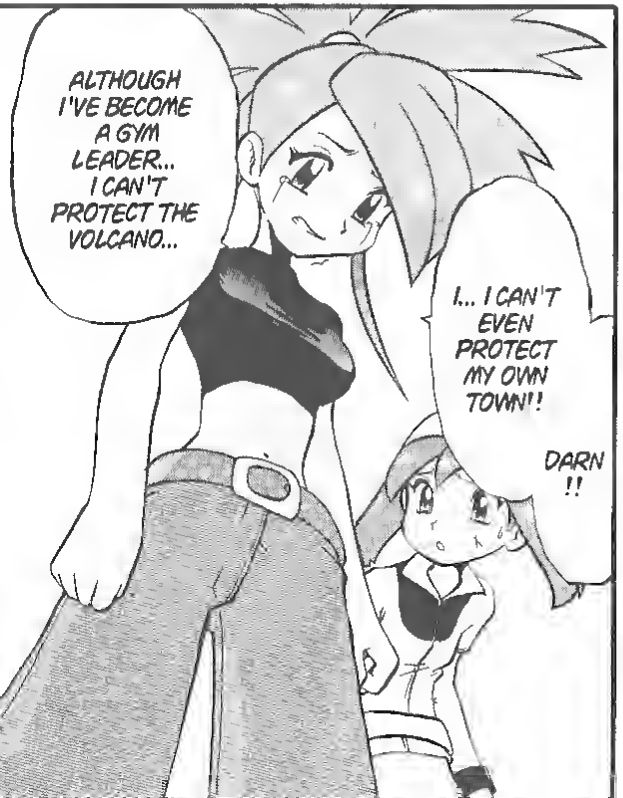
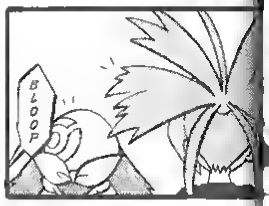
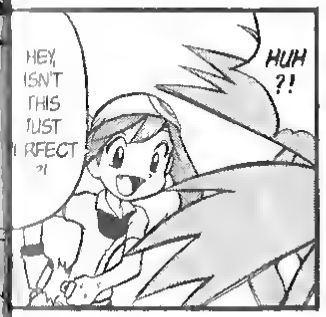

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WANTED ME TO TRY THE HOT SPRINGS HERE?
THIS ONE MIGHT JUST COOL OFF SOON! IT'D BE SUCH A WASTE IF WE LET THE OPPORTUNITY SLIP BY!!
RUSTLE


ALTHOUGH I'VE BECOME A GYM LEADER... I CAN'T PROTECT THE VOLCANO...
I... I CAN'T EVEN PROTECT MY OWN TOWN!!
DARN !!


BLOOP

?
BUBBLE
BLOOP

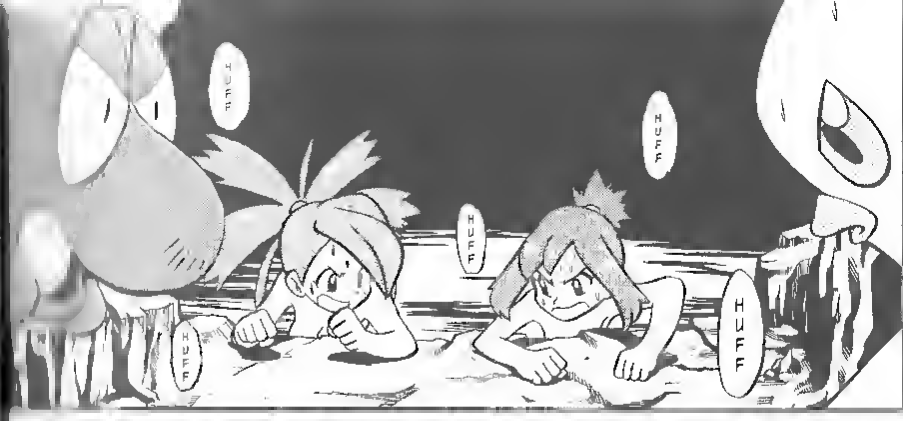

HEY, ISN'T THIS JUST PERFECT?!
HUH ?!

HEY WAIT, SAPPHIRE!
FLING
FLING
THE BATTLE'S OVER AND WE CAN'T CHANGE A THING CRYIN' OVER IT. ♫
WE MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A BREAK!!

TRY THIS! IT'S DELICIOUS.
AH, THANKS!
SAPPHIRE...
SHE'S TRYING TO CHEER ME UP.
MUNCH MUNCH
SAPPHIRE
I'VE A REQUEST...
I... I'D LIKE TO HAVE A BATTLE WITH YOU RIGHT NOW!!
IN ORDER TO OVERCOME TODAY'S FAILURE...
...I'D LIKE TO RE-ASSUME MY DUTIES AS A LEADER, STARTING WITH THIS BATTLE! A FRESH CLEAN START!
OKAY!
THAT EXACT WHAT BEE HOPIN FOR
WELL LET BEG !!

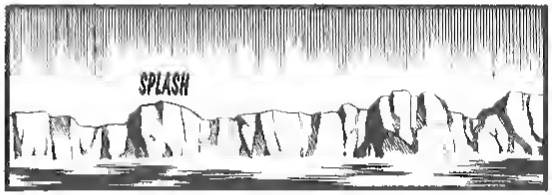
TORO!!
MAGURGO!!
THROW
GRAB
CHARGE
WHAM
DOUBLE KICK !!
BASH
GO! GO!
OH NO!
HOP HOP

FLAME-THROWER !!
BOOOM
?
BEHIND YOU!!
TORO, RETREAT !!
CRACK
GUSH
BASH

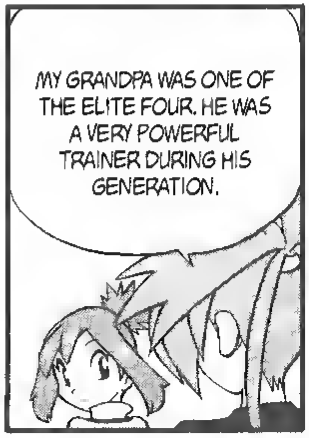

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

...MEH...
GIGGLE ...

HA HA HA !
WAH AH AH !


SPLASH

THE WATER'S GONE COLD...

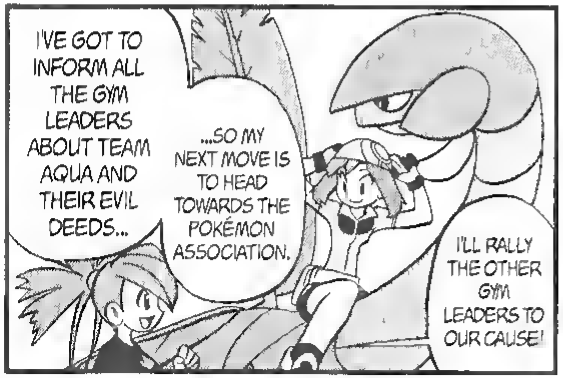

MY GRANDPA WAS ONE OF THE ELITE FOUR. HE WAS A VERY POWERFUL TRAINER DURING HIS GENERATION.

I LOVED MY GRANDPA..
...AND I WANTED TO BECOME A STRONG TRAINER, JUST LIKE HIM! THAT'S WHY I BECAME A GYM LEADER.

I CAN'T LET MYSELF BE DEFEATED BY JUST ONE SETBACK! THAT WOULD BE AN INSULT TO MY GRANDPA'S NAME!!
I WON'T LET THOSE BLUE EVIL-DOERS OFF SO EASILY!!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!!
YOU'RE A EXCELLE GYM LEADER CREAM OF THE CROP!!

AHCHOO!
HAHA YOU'V CAUGH A CO POO DEA

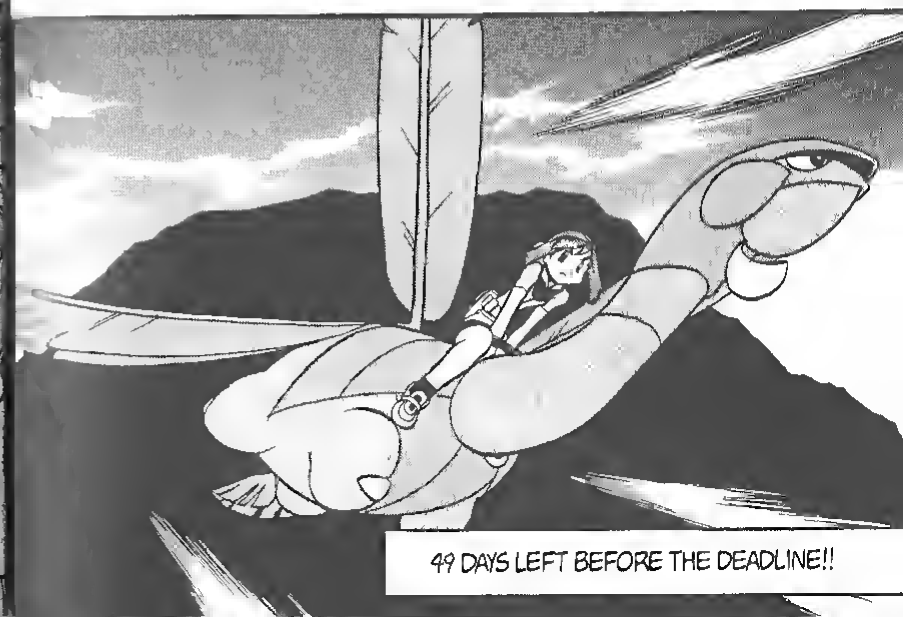

I'VE GOT TO INFORM ALL THE GYM LEADERS ABOUT TEAM AQUA AND THEIR EVIL DEEDS...
...SO MY NEXT MOVE IS TO HEAD TOWARDS THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION.
I'LL RALLY THE OTHER GYM LEADERS TO OUR CAUSE!

I'M GONNA PREPARE FOR MY NEXT BATTLE AND SHARPEN MY OWN SKILLS TOO.

AND THEN...
...I'LL DEFEAT TEAM AQUA!!

FAR BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS...
FLAP
FLAP
...LIES THE CITY OF TREE-HOUSES -- FORTREE CITY!!
THANKS, SAPP-HIRE!!
HERE, CATCH!!

SMACK
BYE, FLANNERY!!


49 DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE DEADLINE!!

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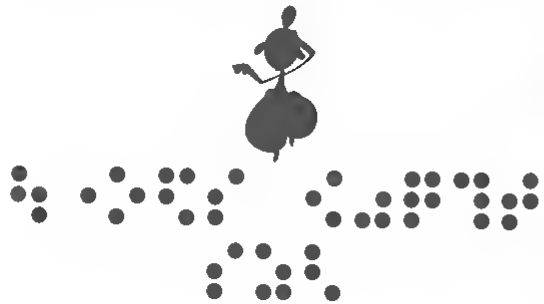

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WIND HOWLING
RUSTLE
MITCH...
...WHAT HAPPENED ON MT. CHIMNEY?
THE VOLCANO IS DEAD. THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO.
BRUSH
MACK, HOW GOES THE DETECTOR MODIFICATION PROCESS?
I'M NOT DONE YET IT'S QUITE TROUBLE-SOME, I TELL YA.
HEH ... MY PATIENCE IS WANING.

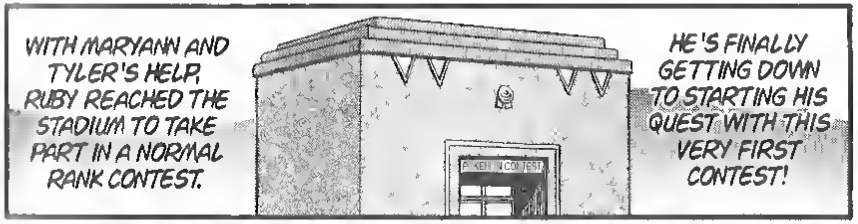
I'LL GO DO ANOTHER SEARCH. THIS TIME, I'LL COMB EACH AREA FROM CORNER TO CORNER FOR ANY POSSIBLE SIGNS OF THE 'TREASURE'.
'THAT OKAY, LEADER ?
DO WHAT YOU WILL! BUT SHARE YOUR 'MEMORIES' BEFORE YOU GO!
PLUCK

POOF
POOF
ZRR

FINALLY ...

...MY TURN TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTION.
FLOURISH

MEANWHILE...
VERDANTURF TOWN


WITH MARYANN AND TYLER'S HELP, RUBY REACHED THE STADIUM TO TAKE PART IN A NORMAL RANK CONTEST.
HE'S FINALLY GETTING DOWN TO STARTING HIS QUEST WITH THIS VERY FIRST CONTEST!

POKÉMON CONTEST, VARDANTURF STADIUM...
CUTENESS SEGMENT FOR NORMAL RANK!!

WE'RE NEARING THE END OF THE SECOND ROUND OF APPEAL TIME!!
OUR LAST CONTESTANT IS..

COCO, GROWL ATTACK!!

MESMERIZED

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

COCO RUBY

THE RESULTS ARE OUT!! UNBELIE-VABLE!!

RUBY AND HIS DELCATTY, COCO, GATHERED UNRIVALED SUPPORT IN THE FIRST ROUND...

...AND HAVE CONTINUED TO SHINE IN THE SECOND ROUND!!

PAINT

DRAW

TADAH! TADAH! TADAH!

WINNER OF CUTENESS SEGMENT RUBY'S COCO

WINNER OF COOLNESS SEGMENT RUBY'S NANA

THAT YOUNG BOY IS AMAZING!

YEAH, HE APPEARED OUT OF THE BLUE AND JUST STARTED WINNING PRIZES!!

GOSSIP

SEEMS LIKE HE'S REGISTERED FOR ALL THE SEGMENTS.

HUH?!

OKAY, DONE!

A SWEATER ESPECIALLY FOR ZUZU!

OWOW

OW... MY SHOULDERS AND MY BACK STILL ACHE.

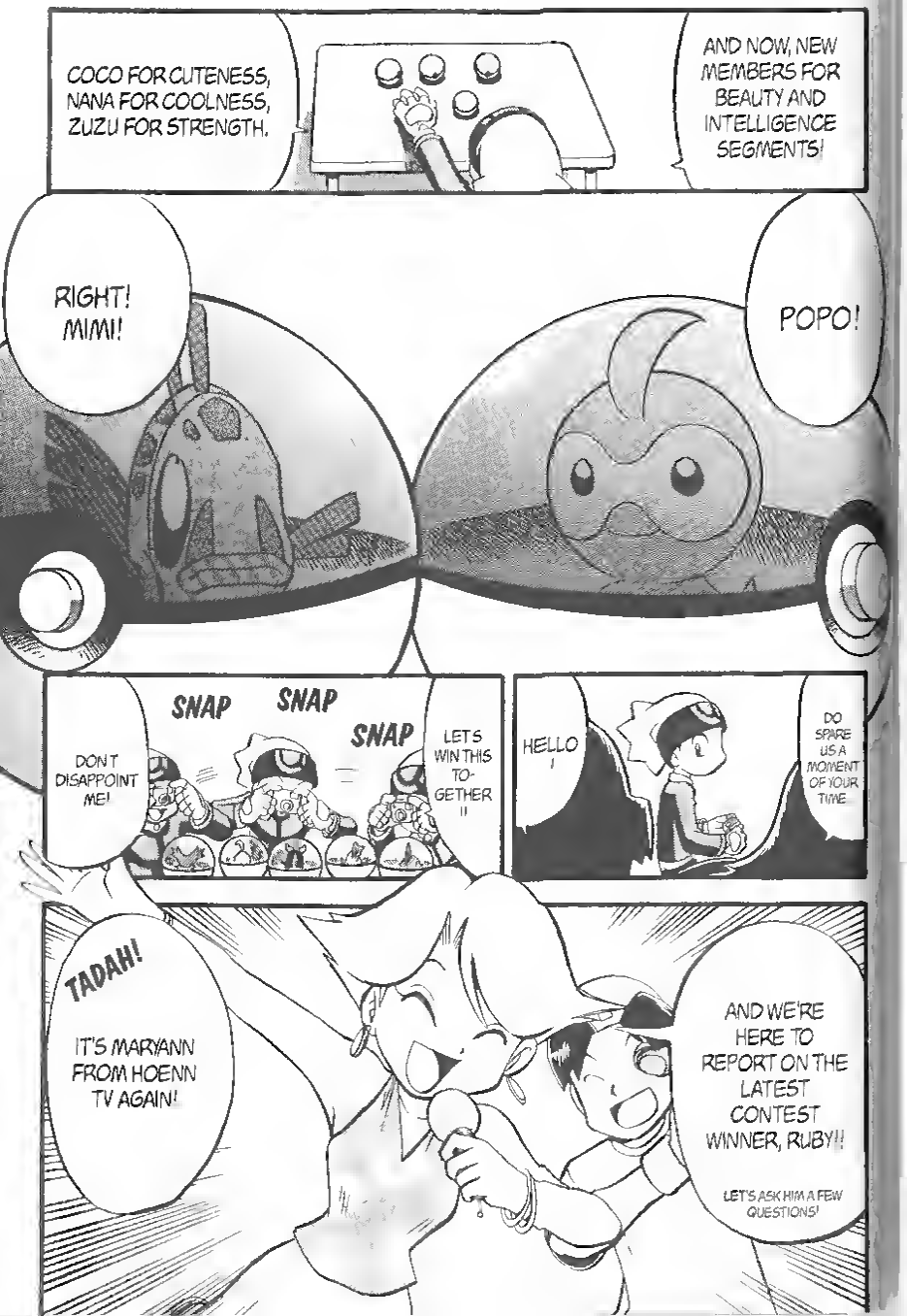
I'VE NOT YET RECOVERED FROM THAT BATTLE I HAD WITH DAD.

I'VE FINALLY REACHED VERDANTURF AND NOW I HAVE A HOENN CONTEST PASS!!

BUT NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS

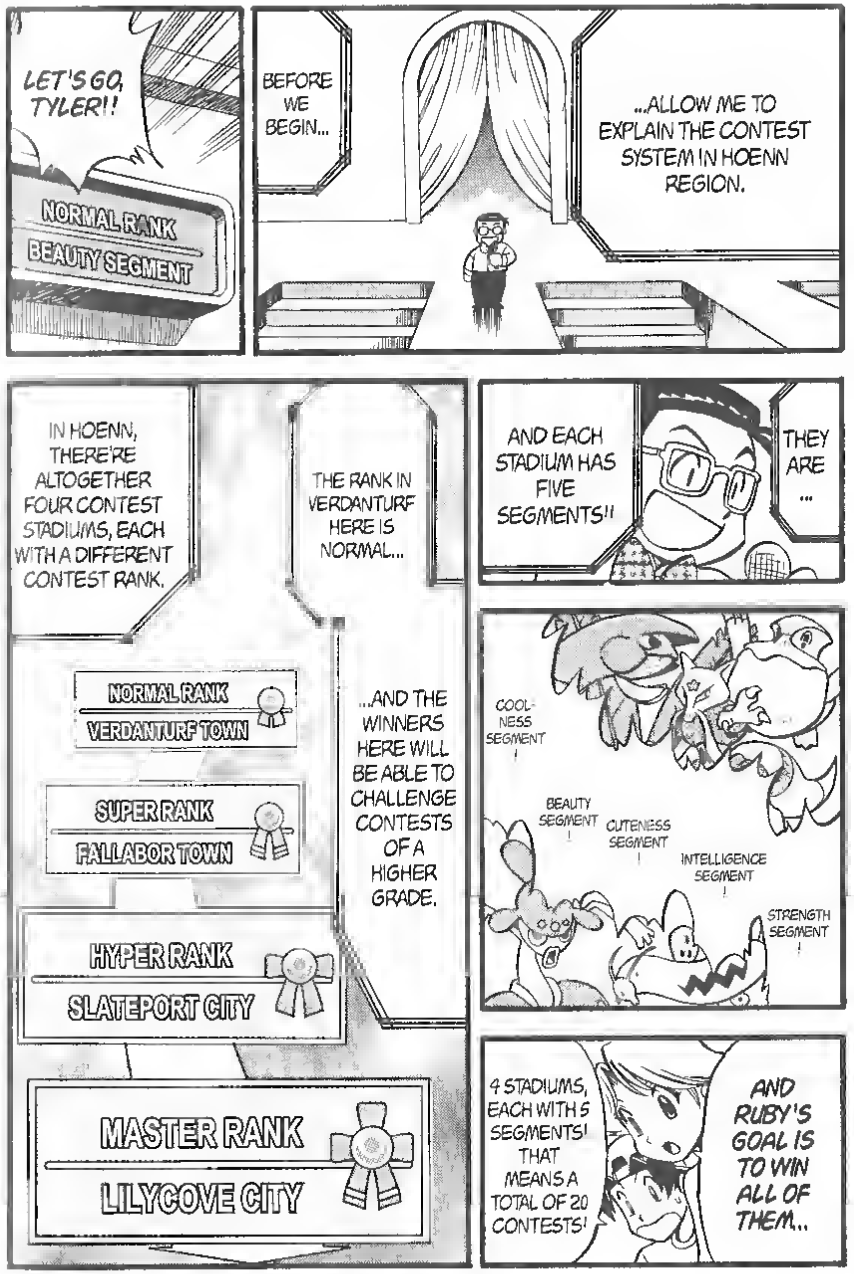
SMACK

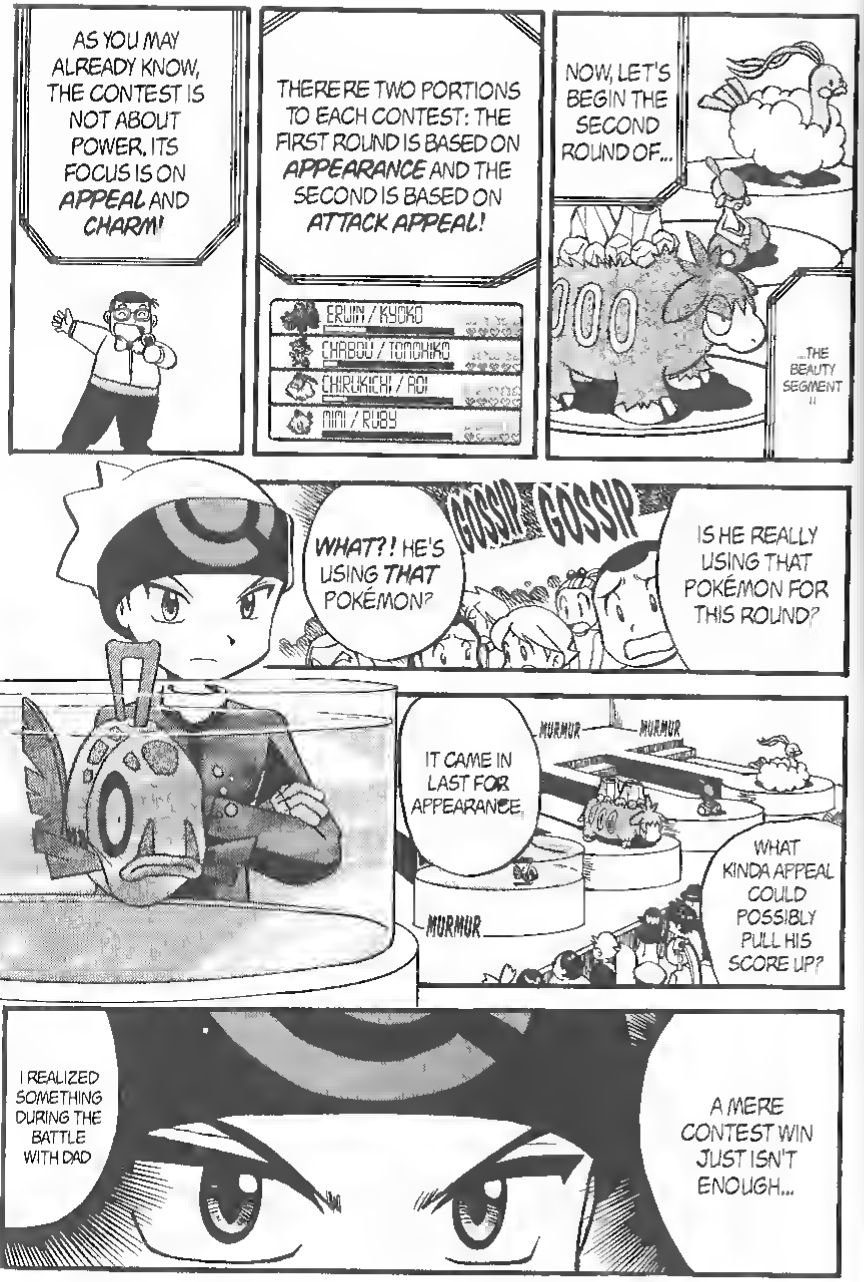
I'M GONNA WIN ALL THE CONTESTS!!


COCO FOR CUTENESS, NANA FOR COOLNESS, ZUZU FOR STRENGTH.
AND NOW, NEW MEMBERS FOR BEAUTY AND INTELLIGENCE SEGMENTS!
RIGHT! MIMI!
POPO!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
DON'T DISAPPOINT ME!
LET'S WIN THIS TO-GETHER !!
HELLO !
DO SPARE US A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME.
TADAH!
IT'S MARYANN FROM HOENN TV AGAIN!
AND WE'RE HERE TO REPORT ON THE LATEST CONTEST WINNER, RUBY!!
LET'S ASK HIM A FEW QUESTIONS!

CONGRATU-LATIONS ON YOUR WIN.
ARE YOU GONNA BROADCAST THIS?
IN THAT CASE, GIMME A MINUTE
PAT
I LIKE TAKING VIDEOS BUT I LOVE TO BE FILMED!
WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THIS LIGHTNING WIN?
WELL, WELL! IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE BEAUTY OF MY TEAM SURPASSES ...
HM?
AAH! I ALMOST FORGOT !!
ZIP
IT'LL BE DISASTROUS IF THE KIDNAP VICTIM APPEARS ON TV!!
ER-R... RUBY?
AH! I'D LOVE TO BE ON TV!! MARYANN, PLEASE DON'T BLAME ME...
DING DONG
WE'LL BE STARTING THE SECOND ROUND FOR THE BEAUTY SEGMENT IN A MOMENT. TRAINERS WHO'VE SIGNED UP FOR THIS CONTEST, PLEASE GATHER ON STAGE.
I'VE GOT TO GO!
DASH

SOB!
I WONDER IF WE DID THE RIGHT THING...?
WHAT?
I MEAN... HE'S EVEN NAMED CHAIRMAN STONE'S CASTFORM POPO.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO REPORT ON THINGS RELATED TO THAT SUBMARINE INCIDENT, AREN'T WE?!
BUBBLE
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE SPENDING OUR TIME WATCHING CONTESTS HERE...
HEY, COOL IT.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANXIETY BUT I HAVE A NAGGING FEELING ABOUT THAT BOY THAT I JUST CAN'T IGNORE.
CALL IT A REPORTER'S FINELY HONED PERCEPTION!!
...


LET'S GO, TYLER!!
NORMAL RANK
BEAUTY SEGMENT
BEFORE WE BEGIN...
...ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE CONTEST SYSTEM IN HOENN REGION.
IN HOENN, THERE'RE ALTOGETHER FOUR CONTEST STADIUMS, EACH WITH A DIFFERENT CONTEST RANK.
THE RANK IN VERDANTURF HERE IS NORMAL...
NORMAL RANK
VERDANTURF TOWN
SUPER RANK
FALLABOR TOWN
HYPER RANK
SLATEPORT CITY
MASTER RANK
LILYCOVE CITY
...AND THE WINNERS HERE WILL BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE CONTESTS OF A HIGHER GRADE.
AND EACH STADIUM HAS FIVE SEGMENTS!!
THEY ARE ...
COOLNESS SEGMENT
BEAUTY SEGMENT
CUTENESS SEGMENT
INTELLIGENCE SEGMENT
STRENGTH SEGMENT
4 STADIUMS, EACH WITH 5 SEGMENTS! THAT MEANS A TOTAL OF 20 CONTESTS!
AND RUBY'S GOAL IS TO WIN ALL OF THEM...


AS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW, THE CONTEST IS NOT ABOUT POWER. ITS FOCUS IS ON APPEAL AND CHARM!
THERE'RE TWO PORTIONS TO EACH CONTEST: THE FIRST ROUND IS BASED ON APPEARANCE AND THE SECOND IS BASED ON ATTACK APPEAL!
ERUKA / KYOKO
CHARLOU / TOMOHIKO
CHIRUKICHI / AOI
MIMI / RUBY
NOW, LET'S BEGIN THE SECOND ROUND OF...
...THE BEAUTY SEGMENT !!
GOSSIP GOSSIP
WHAT?! HE'S USING THAT POKÉMON?
IS HE REALLY USING THAT POKÉMON FOR THIS ROUND?
MURMUR
MURMUR
IT CAME IN LAST FOR APPEARANCE.
MURMUR
WHAT KINDA APPEAL COULD POSSIBLY PULL HIS SCORE UP?
I REALIZED SOMETHING DURING THE BATTLE WITH DAD
A MERE CONTEST WIN JUST ISN'T ENOUGH...

BEAUTIFUL POKÉMON CAN WIN CONTESTS EASILY WITHOUT THE HELP OF A TRAINER!!
BUT IF I CAN WIN THE BEAUTY SEGMENT WITH THIS FEEBAS...
THUMP
THUMP
EVERY ONE WILL BE SURPRISED !!
WATCH THIS!!
MIMI, WATER PULSE!!
Splash
Splash

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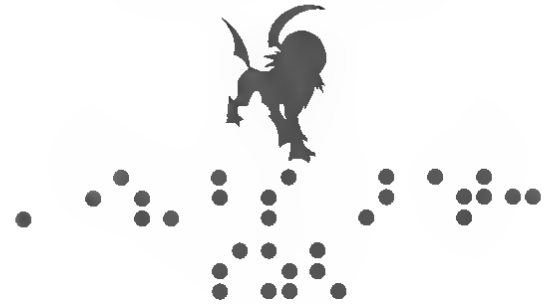
VS ABSOL



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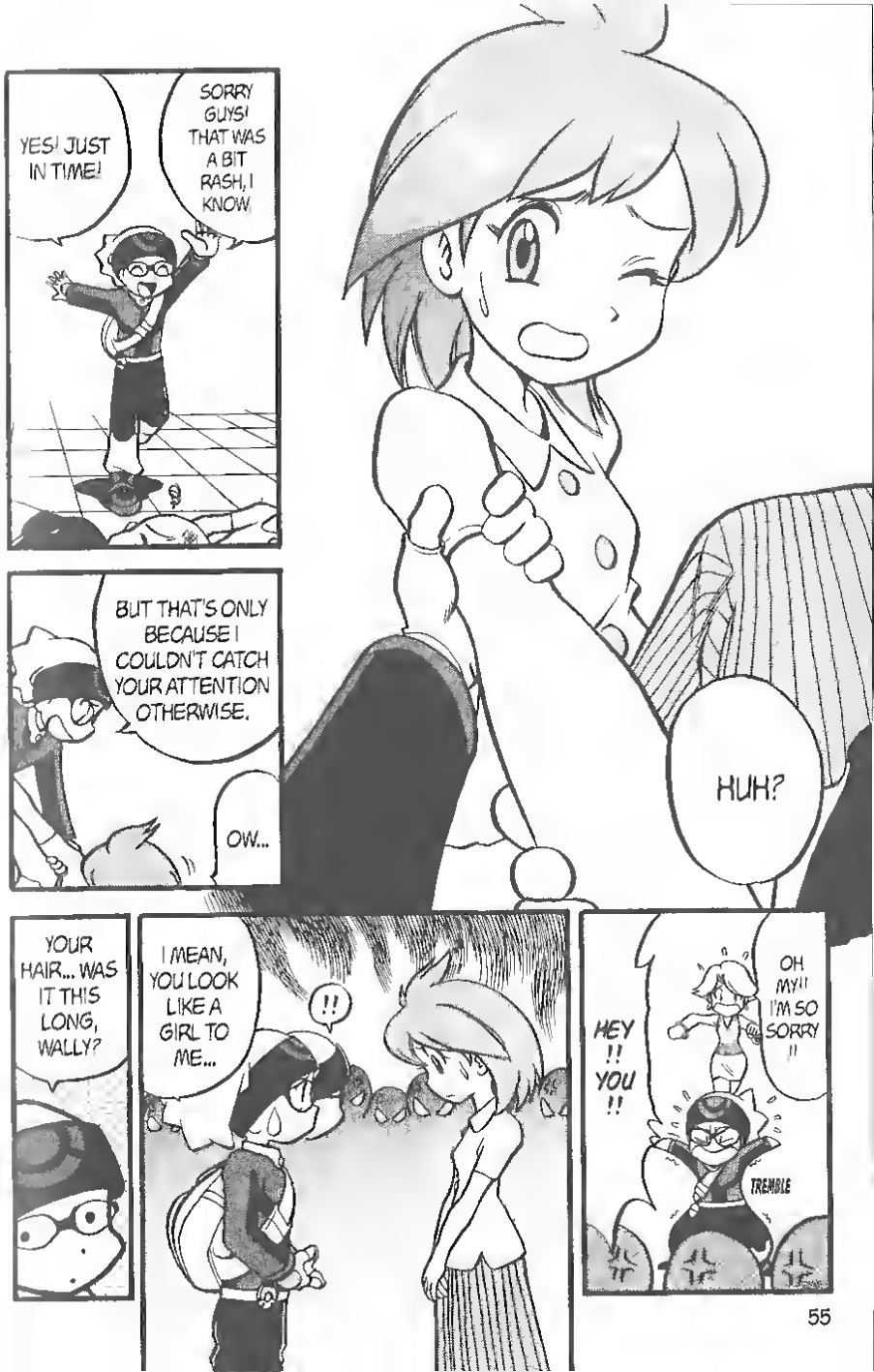
WE'VE COME TO THE END OF THE SECOND ROUND FOR THE BEAUTY SEGMENT. LET'S LOOK AT THE SCORES NOW.
RRR RAAAH
THE WINNER IS RUBY'S FEEBAS, MIMI!!
I THOUGHT I SAW WALLY WITHIN THE AUDIENCE...
HE DID MENTION HE WAS MOVING TO EVER GRANDE... HAS HE ALREADY MOVED?!
I WASN'T SEEING THINGS! WALLY MUST'VE MOVED TO THIS PLACE TO RECUPERATE!!
STOP DAZING INTO MID-AIR, RUBY!!
GRA!!

COME ON! LET'S GET A MOVE ON!
YEAH! YOU ENTERED THE STRENGTH AND COOLNESS SEGMENTS, REMEMBER?
THE SECOND ROUND WILL BE HELD IN HALL NO. 4...
HEARD THAT? IT'S STARTING!! HURRY!!
WINNER OF STRENGTH SEGMENT RUBY'S ZUZU
WINNER OF INTELLIGENCE SEGMENT RUBY'S POPO
WINNER OF BEAUTY SEGMENT RUBY'S MIMI
WINNER OF CUTENESS SEGMENT RUBY'S COCO
WINNER OF COOLNESS SEGMENT RUBY'S NANA
WOW
CHATTER
CHATTER
HEH! TODAY'S CONTESTS WERE DEFINITELY WORTH THE TRIP HERE!
CHATTER!
CHATTER
THAT YOUNG BOY WHO WON ALL THE SEGMENTS... HE'S THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY!
YEAH!
WALLY! WALLY!!
!!

THERE HE IS!!
HE'S BOARDING THE BUS! I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT!!
NOW, MIAMI!
POOF
ICE BEAM !!
GLOW
TINKLE
OOF
OOF !!
YIKES !!
KYAAA !!


YES! JUST IN TIME!
SORRY GUYS! THAT WAS A BIT RASH, I KNOW.
BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE I COULDN'T CATCH YOUR ATTENTION OTHERWISE.
OW...
HUH?
YOUR HAIR... WAS IT THIS LONG, WALLY?
I MEAN, YOU LOOK LIKE A GIRL TO ME...
!!
HEY !! YOU !!
OH MY!! I'M SO SORRY !!
TREMBLE

RUBY, YOU WERE REALLY RECKLESS BACK THERE...
SCREECH
HOENN TV

YOU'RE SAYING YOU MISTOOK WALLENE FOR WALLY?
YES... THEY LOOK TOO ALIKE, AND I WASN'T WEARING MY GLASSES...

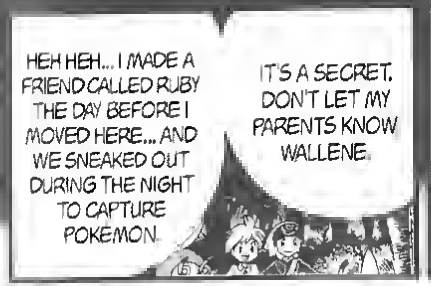
BUT STILL, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KNOCK EVERYONE OVER, RUBY... DON'T YOU AGREE, WALLENE?
IT'S OKAY! I'M ELATED TO MEET HIM TOO...

SO YOU'RE RUBY.
I'M WALLY'S COUSIN AND PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS MISTAKING US FOR SIBLINGS.
GUESS WE REALLY DO LOOK ALIKE!
HUH?!

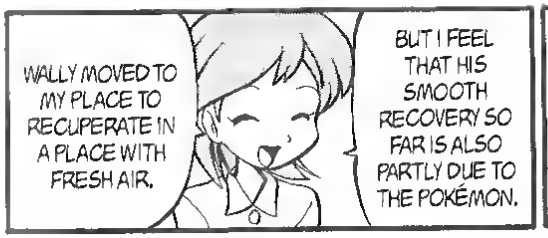
I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN PETALBURG.
OH NO!!

DON'T WORRY. I'M THE ONLY PERSON HE TOLD.
WALLY WAS DELIGHTED. HE'S GETTING BETTER LITTLE BY LITTLE.

WOW! KECLEON AND RALTS!
POOF
WHAT HAPPENED WALLY?! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD POKEMON...


HEH HEH... I MADE A FRIEND CALLED RUBY THE DAY BEFORE I MOVED HERE... AND WE SNEAKED OUT DURING THE NIGHT TO CAPTURE POKEMON.
IT'S A SECRET. DON'T LET MY PARENTS KNOW WALLENE.

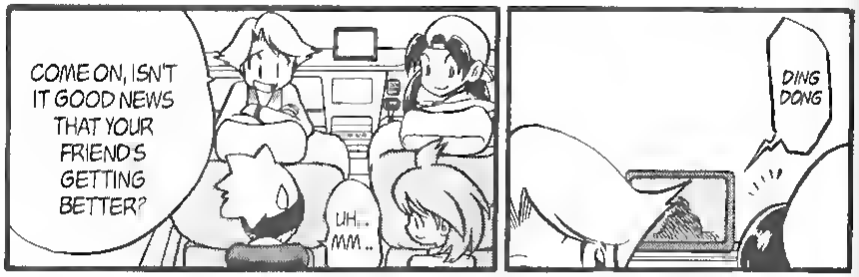
THAT NIGHT RUBY FELL INTO THE SEA AND WE LOST CONTACT...
THANKS TO RURU'S PSYCHIC ABILITIES, AT LEAST I KNOW HE'S STILL ALIVE.
RUBY...

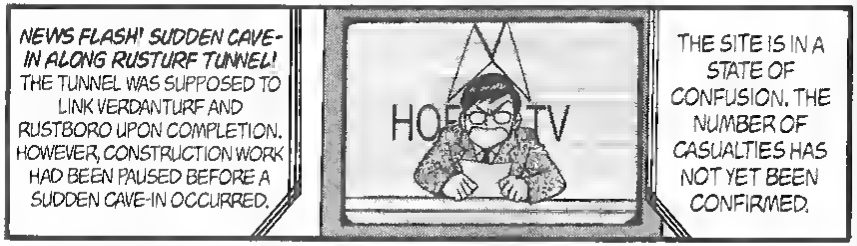

WALLY MOVED TO MY PLACE TO RECUPERATE IN A PLACE WITH FRESH AIR.
BUT I FEEL THAT HIS SMOOTH RECOVERY SO FAR IS ALSO PARTLY DUE TO THE POKÉMON.

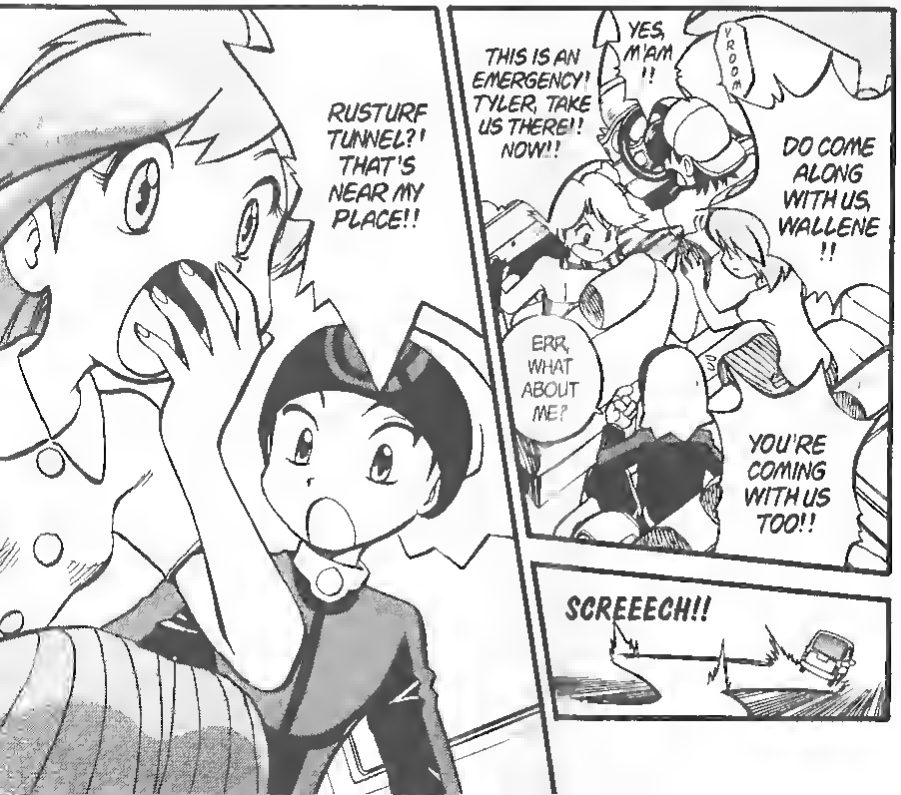
THAT'S WHY I MUST THANK YOU.
AH, DON'T MENTION IT.

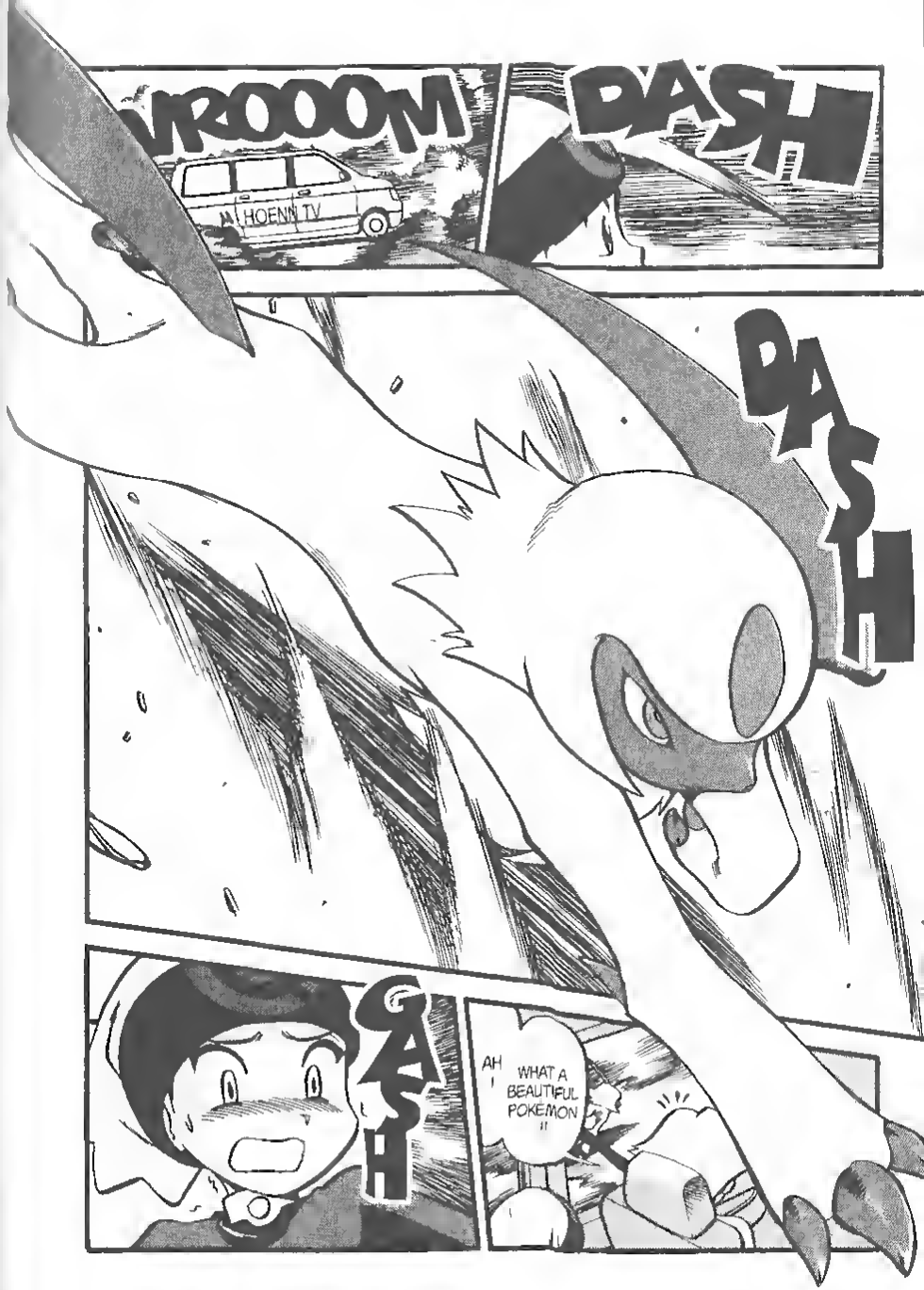
WHAT A PITY... WALLY WOULD HAVE WANTED TO MEET YOU... IT WOULD PUT HIS MIND AT REST TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT
?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

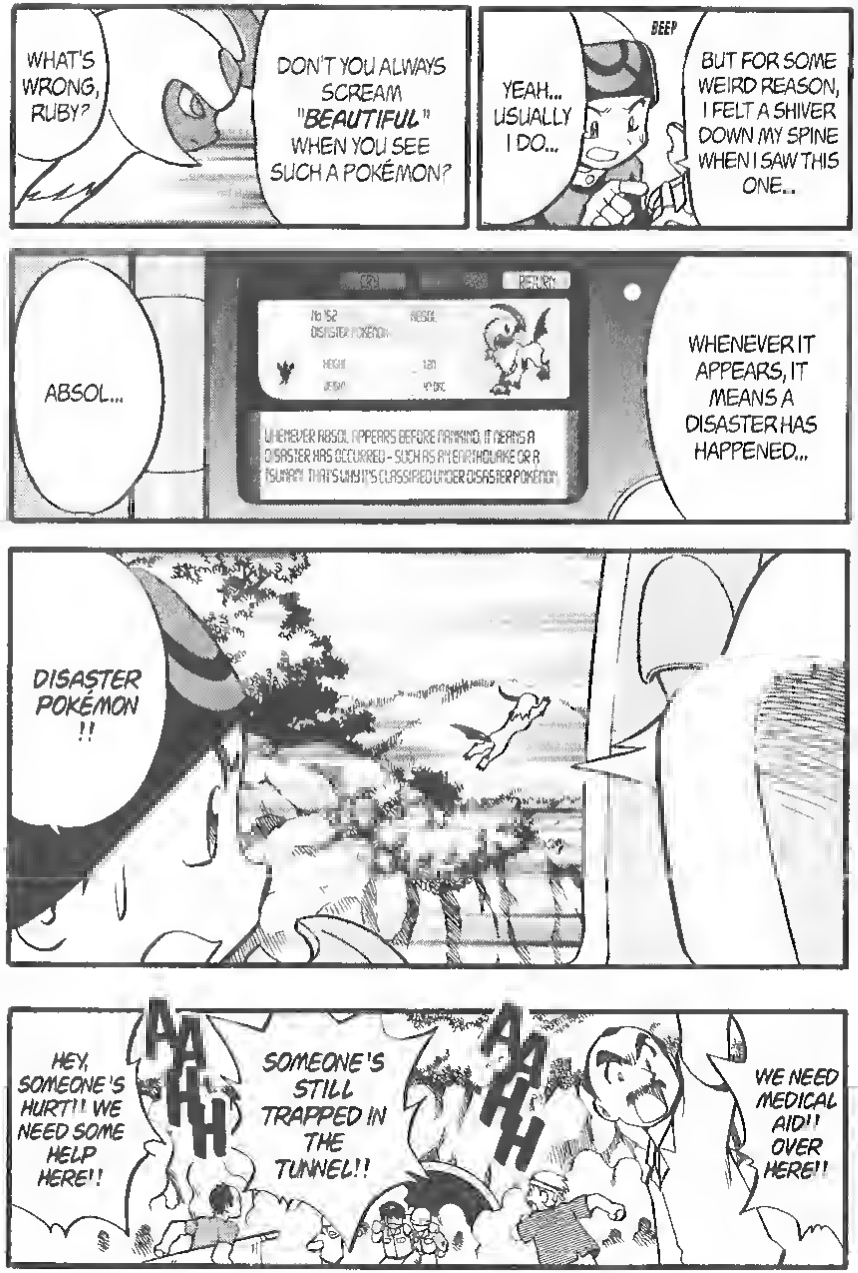
IN ORDER TO HAVE REGULAR MEDICAL CHECKUPS, WALLY MOVED TO A CITY WITH A BETTER EQUIPPED HOSPITAL
HE JUST LEFT THIS MORNING
WOBBLE WOBBLE
-----?!


COME ON, ISN'T IT GOOD NEWS THAT YOUR FRIEND'S GETTING BETTER?
UH.. MM..
DING DONG

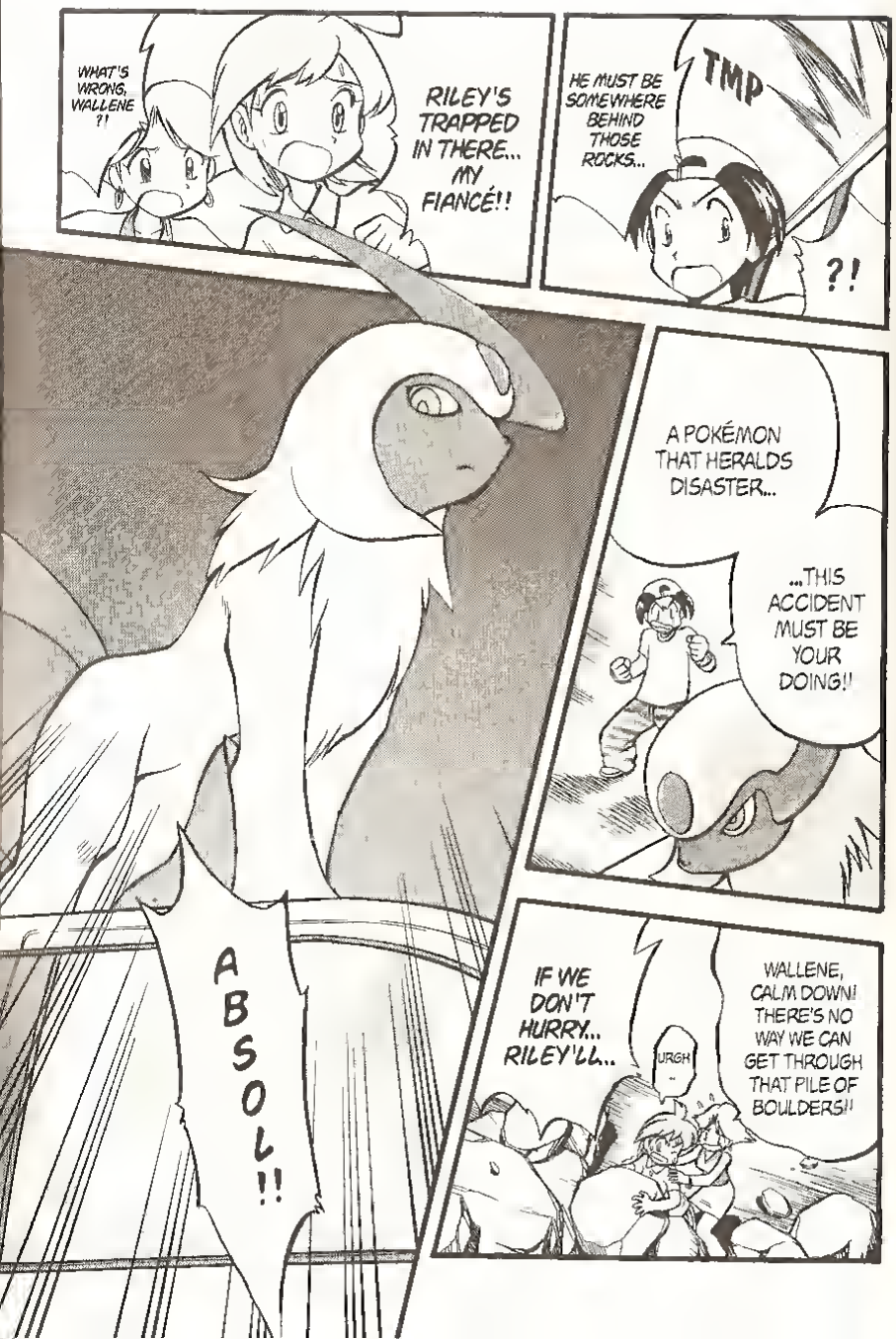

NEWS FLASH! SUDDEN CAVE-IN ALONG RUSTURF TUNNEL! THE TUNNEL WAS SUPPOSED TO LINK VERDANTURF AND RUSTBORO UPON COMPLETION. HOWEVER, CONSTRUCTION WORK HAD BEEN PAUSED BEFORE A SUDDEN CAVE-IN OCCURRED.
HOENN TV
THE SITE IS IN A STATE OF CONFUSION. THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED.


RUSTURF TUNNEL?! THAT'S NEAR MY PLACE!!
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! TYLER, TAKE US THERE!! NOW!!
YES, M'AM !!
VROOM
DO COME ALONG WITH US, WALLENE !!
ERR, WHAT ABOUT ME?
YOU'RE COMING WITH US TOO!!
SCREEECH!!

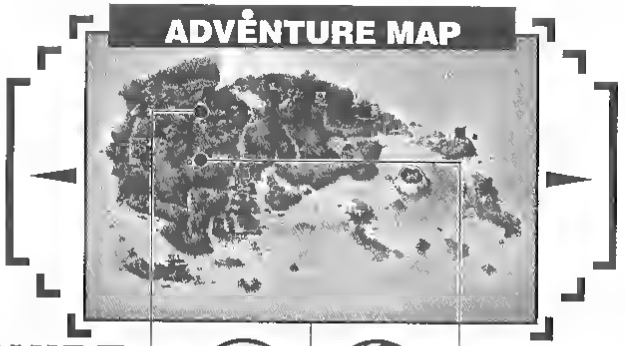

VROOOM
HOENN TV
DASH
DASH
DASH
AH!
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL POKEMON !!


WHAT'S WRONG, RUBY?
DON'T YOU ALWAYS SCREAM "BEAUTIFUL" WHEN YOU SEE SUCH A POKÉMON?
BEEP
YEAH... USUALLY I DO...
BUT FOR SOME WEIRD REASON, I FELT A SHIVER DOWN MY SPINE WHEN I SAW THIS ONE...
ABSOL...
WHENEVER IT APPEARS, IT MEANS A DISASTER HAS HAPPENED...
DISASTER POKÉMON !!
HEY, SOMEONE'S HURT!! WE NEED SOME HELP HERE!!
AAHH
SOMEONE'S STILL TRAPPED IN THE TUNNEL!!
AAHH
WE NEED MEDICAL AID!! OVER HERE!!

TYLER, PREPARE TO START FILMING!!
YES, M'AM!
AH, WALLENE!! I WAS ABOUT TO CALL YOU!!
RILEY LED A TEAM INTO THE TUNNEL TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE... AND WE'VE JUST LOST CONTACT WITH HIM ON THE RADIO!!
WHA...
WHEN CRACKS APPEARED ON THE TUNNEL ROOF..
HUH?!
VROOM!
WALLENE!!
VROOOOOM
HUFF HUFF
RILEY!! RILEY!!


WHAT'S WRONG, WALLENE?!
RILEY'S TRAPPED IN THERE... MY FIANCÉ!!
HE MUST BE SOMEWHERE BEHIND THOSE ROCKS...
TMP
?!
A POKÉMON THAT HERALDS DISASTER...
...THIS ACCIDENT MUST BE YOUR DOING!!
IF WE DON'T HURRY... RILEY'LL...
URGH
WALLENE, CALM DOWN! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET THROUGH THAT PILE OF BOULDERS!!
ABSOL!!

NOPE, YOU'RE WRONG!
SLIDE
HOENN TV
THERE IS A WAY!!
TMP
ZUZU!!
AIRKIP



SAPPHIRE

RUBY

TORO
COMBUSKEN ♀
Lv30

RONO
LAIRON ♂
Lv39

WALO
WAILORD ♂
Lv44

DONO
DONPHAN ♂
Lv42

PILO
TROPIUS ♂
Lv41

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VERDANTURF TOWN

ZUZU
MARSHTOMP ♂

NANA
MIGHTYENA ♀

COCO
DELCATTY ♀

MIMI
PEEBAS ♀

POPO
CASTFORM ♀

RUSTBORO	DEWFORD	MAUVILLE	LAVARIDGE
PETALBURG	FORTREE	MOSSDEEP	SOOTOPOLIS

	COOLNESS	BEAUTY	CUTENESS	INTELLIGENCE	STRENGTH
NORMAL					
SUPER					
HYPER					
MASTER					

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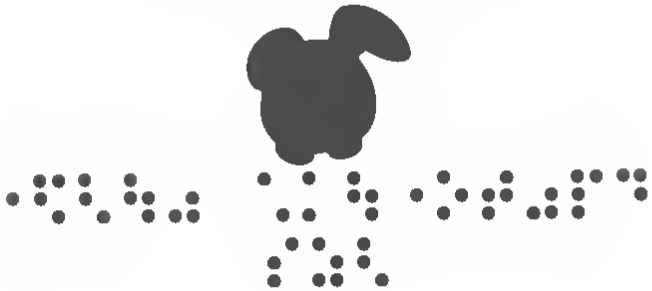

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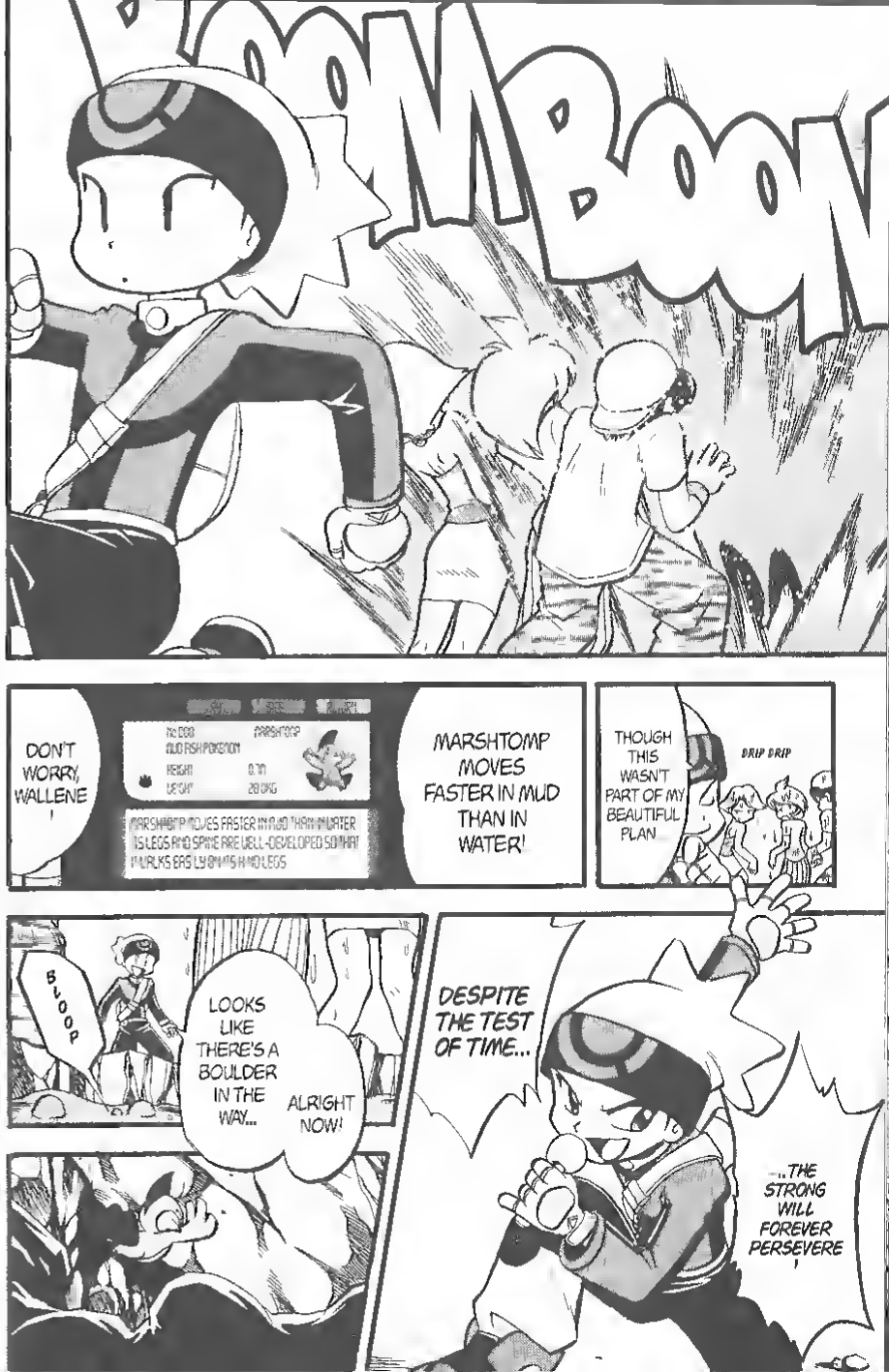
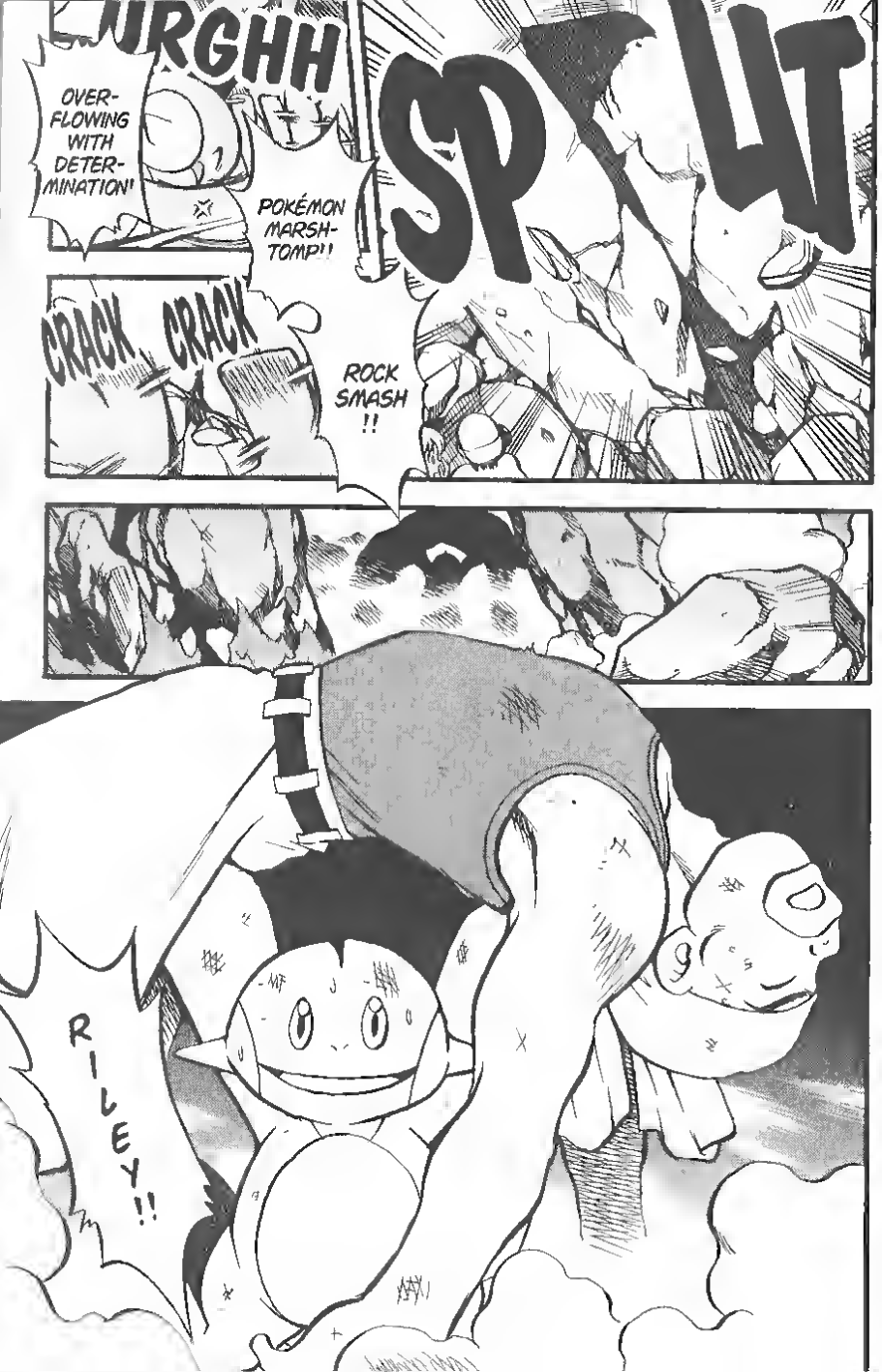
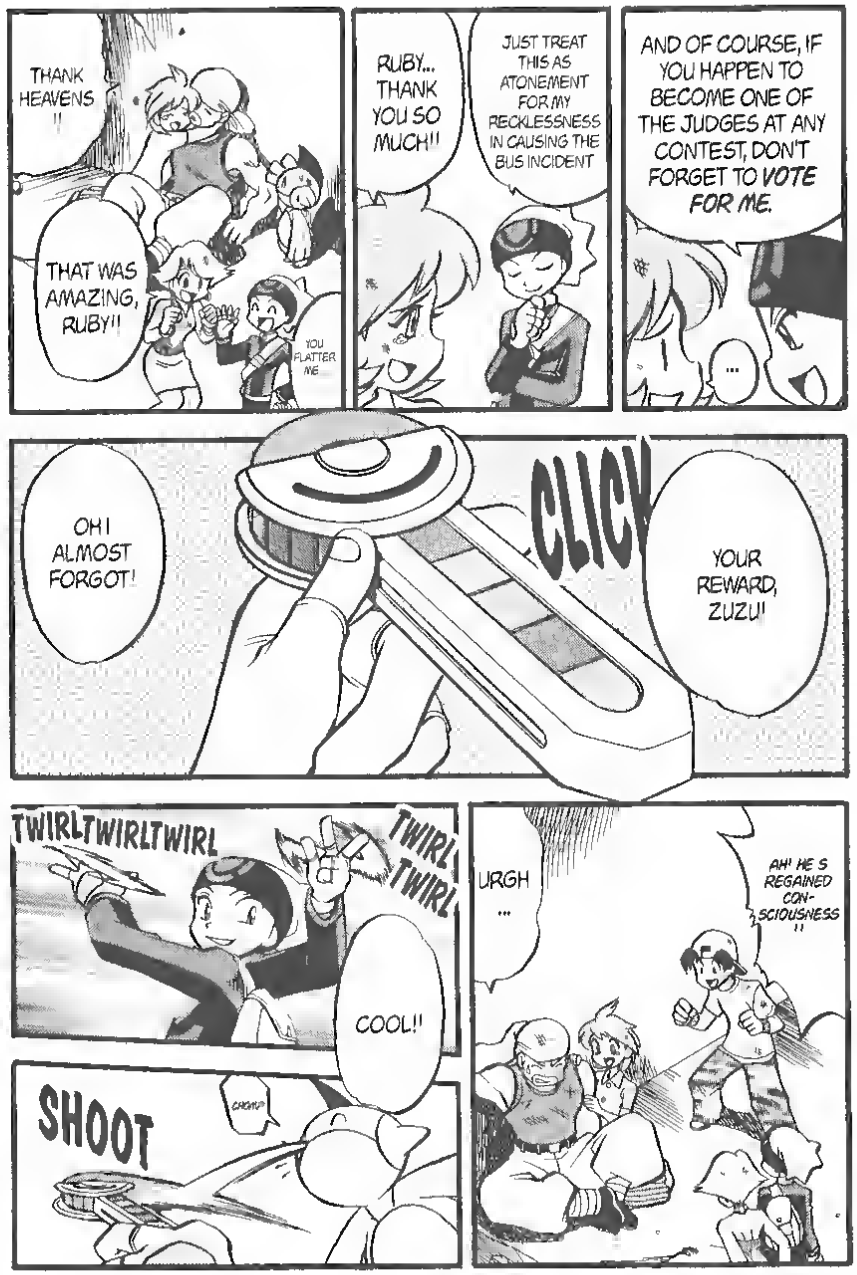
RUBY, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! WHAT CAN WE POSSIBLY DO UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES?
WHIRRRR
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE ALL OF THESE BOULDERS...
...BUT WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO RIGHT NOW IS PINPOINT RILEY'S POSITION RIGHT?!
AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO!! ZUZU!!
ZUZU'S FIN HAS BEEN A RELIABLE RADAR EVER SINCE ITS MUDKIP DAYS!
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN ACCURATE IN ITS DETECTION OF WATER, AIR, PEOPLE AND INANIMATE OBJECTS!!
NOW! ZUZU !!

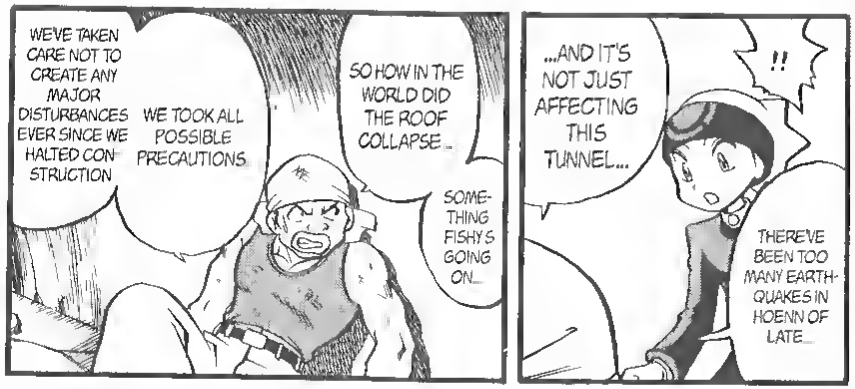

BOOM BOOM
DON'T WORRY, WALLENE !
MARSHTOMP MOVES FASTER IN MUD THAN IN WATER!
MARSHTOMP MOVES FASTER IN MUD THAN IN WATER. ITS LEGS AND SPINE ARE WELL-DEVELOPED SO IT MAY WORK EASILY WITH ITS HIND LEGS.
THOUGH THIS WASN'T PART OF MY BEAUTIFUL PLAN
DRIP DRIP
BLOOP
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A BOULDER IN THE WAY...
ALRIGHT NOW!
DESPITE THE TEST OF TIME...
...THE STRONG WILL FOREVER PERSEVERE !

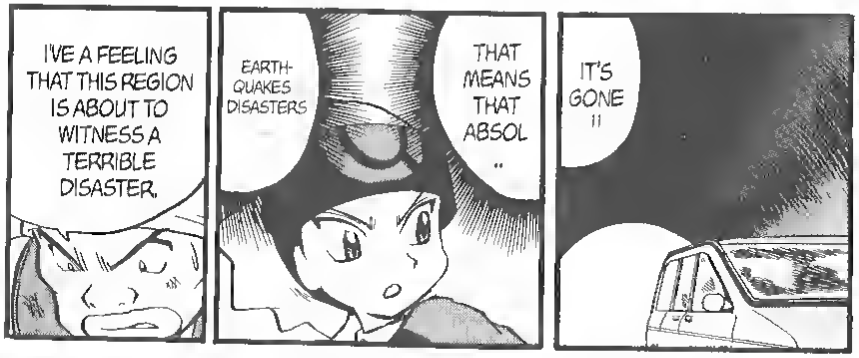

URGHH
OVER-FLOWING WITH DETER-MINATION!
POKÉMON MARSH-TOMP!!
SPLAT
CRACK
CRACK
ROCK SMASH !!
RILEY!!


THANK HEAVENS !!
THAT WAS AMAZING, RUBY!!
YOU FLATTER ME
RUBY... THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
JUST TREAT THIS AS ATONEMENT FOR MY RECKLESSNESS IN CAUSING THE BUS INCIDENT
AND OF COURSE, IF YOU HAPPEN TO BECOME ONE OF THE JUDGES AT ANY CONTEST, DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR ME.
...
OH! ALMOST FORGOT!
CLICK
YOUR REWARD, ZUZU!
TWIRLTWIRLTWIRL
TWIRL TWIRL
COOL!!
SHOOT
CRASH!
URGH ...
AH! HE'S REGAINED CON-SCIOUSNESS !!

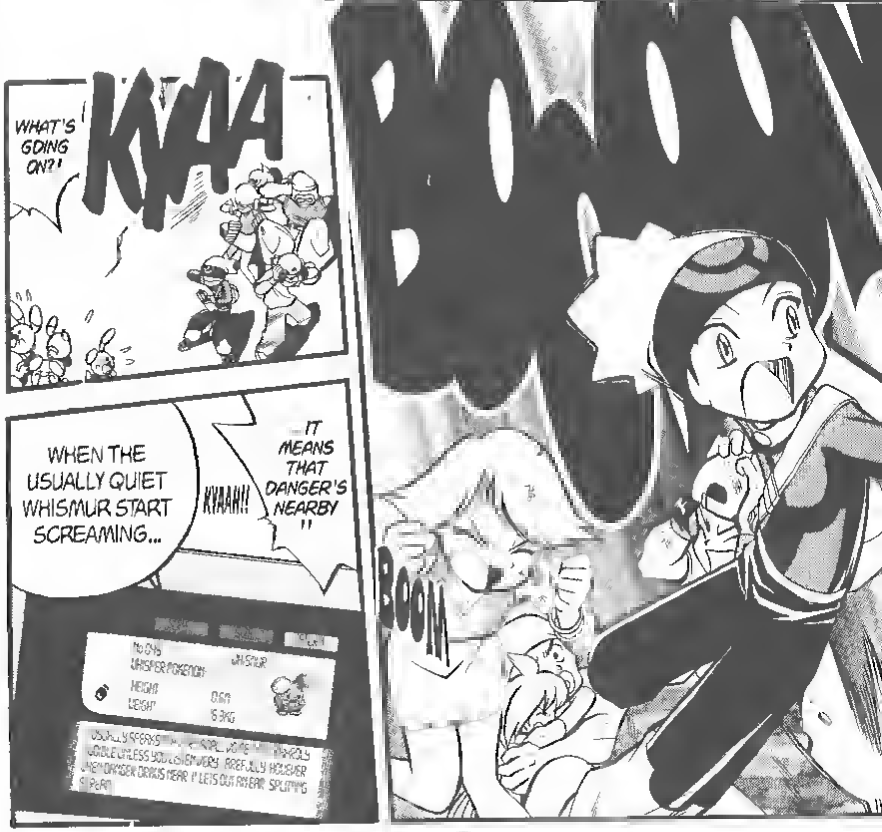
WERE YOU THE ONE WHO SAVED ME?
THANKS.
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT I'M STILL ALIVE. THE CAVE-IN WAS MOST UNEXPECTED - WE WEREN'T PREPARED FOR IT AT ALL.
UN-EXPECTED ?
I THOUGHT YOU HALTED ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES...
...BECAUSE YOU REALIZED THE DANGER WAY BEFOREHAND.
THAT'S NOT WHY WE HALTED CONSTRUCTION! I'M THE SUPERVISOR AROUND HERE, AND I SHOULD KNOW...
PITTER PATTER
LOOK!
TMP TMP
WOW !!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

THEY'RE SO CUTE!!
NOW THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE HALTED OUR WORK.
HOE
YOU HALTED WORK BECAUSE THERE'S A BUNCH OF WHISMUR ?!
WHISMUR ARE ALSO KNOWN AS WHISPER POKÉMON.
THEY COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER WHISMUR USING SMALL VOICES THAT NO HUMAN BEING CAN HEAR.
WHEN THEY HEAR LOUD NOISES, THEY SCRAMBLE FROM THEIR HIDING PLACES IN SHOCK.
THAT'S WHY RILEY CAN'T USE NOISY MACHINERY AND LARGE VEHICLES TO MOVE THE BOULDERS HERE.
AND HENCE, HE DECIDED TO HALT CONSTRUCTION, BECAUSE HE FELT SO SORRY FOR THE WHISMUR.
...SUPERB !!
FOR THE SAKE OF THESE ADORABLE POKÉMON...
...YOU HALTED SUCH AN IMPORTANT PROJECT... YOU'RE...


WE'VE TAKEN CARE NOT TO CREATE ANY MAJOR DISTURBANCES EVER SINCE WE HALTED CONSTRUCTION
WE TOOK ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONS
SO HOW IN THE WORLD DID THE ROOF COLLAPSE...
SOMETHING FISHY'S GOING ON...
...AND IT'S NOT JUST AFFECTING THIS TUNNEL...
!!
THERE'VE BEEN TOO MANY EARTHQUAKES IN HOENN OF LATE...

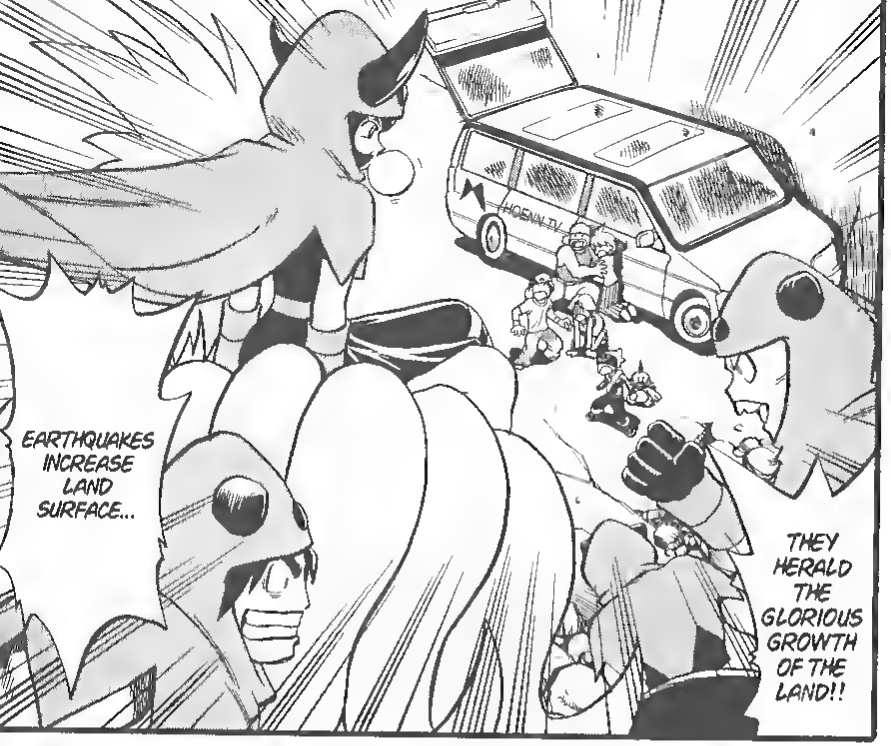

I'VE A FEELING THAT THIS REGION IS ABOUT TO WITNESS A TERRIBLE DISASTER.
EARTHQUAKES DISASTERS
THAT MEANS THAT ABSOL..
IT'S GONE !!

WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
KYAAAAAAAA


WHAT'S GOING ON?!
KYAA
BOOM
WHEN THE USUALLY QUIET WHISMUR START SCREAMING...
KYAAAH!!
IT MEANS THAT DANGER'S NEARBY !!
BOOM

CRASH

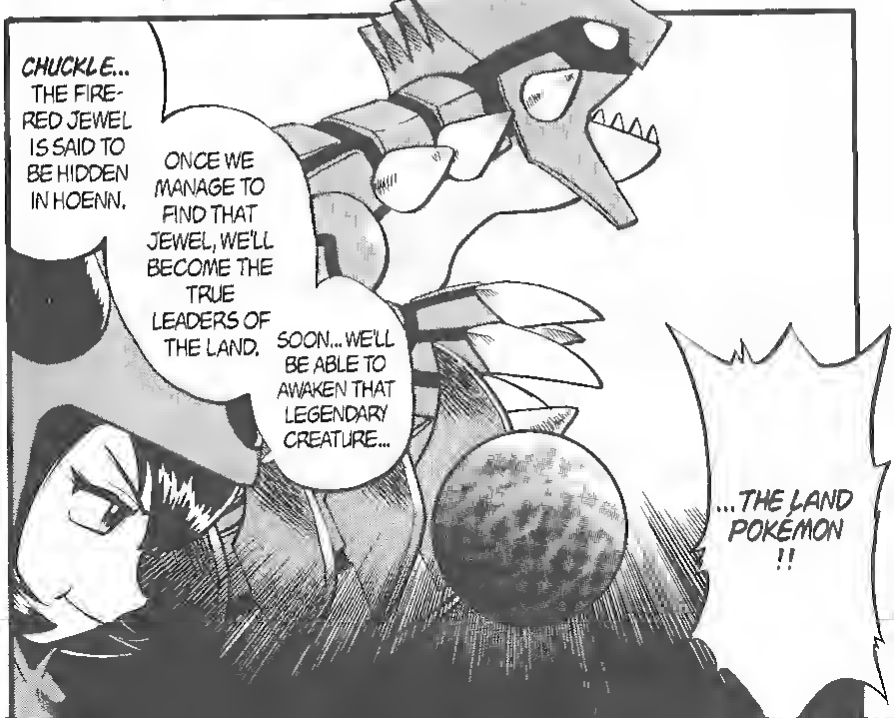
HEH HEH! WE ONLY MEANT TO CREATE A NATURAL DISASTER; WE DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE A BUNCH OF HORRIFIED PEOPLE HERE!
TMP
BUT IT'S QUITE A PLEASURE TO SEE A DISASTER FALL UPON YOU!!
IT'S A JOY TO BEHOLD !!

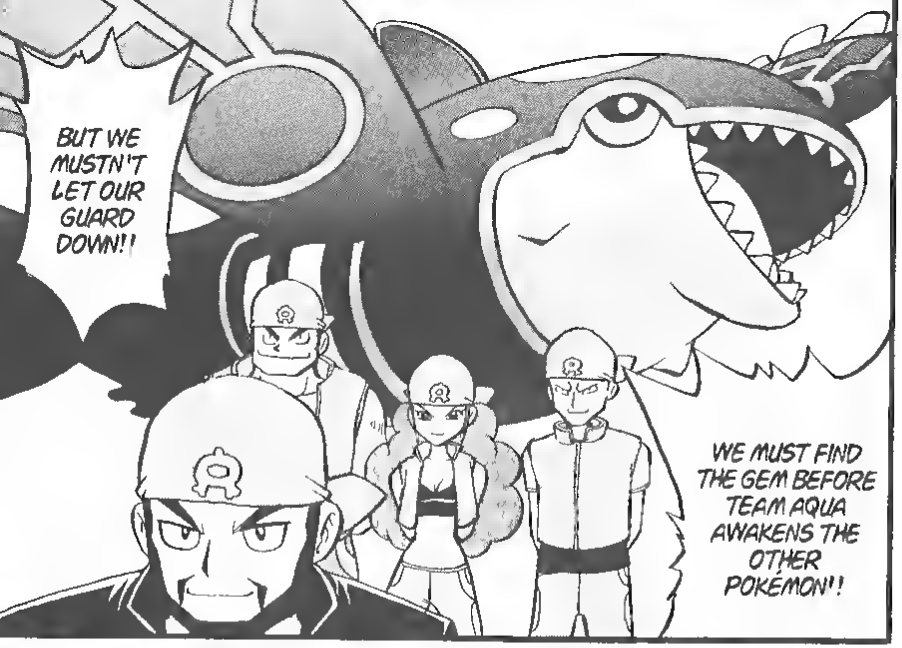

EARTHQUAKES INCREASE LAND SURFACE...
THEY HERALD THE GLORIOUS GROWTH OF THE LAND!!

THE RED CAPED CRIMINALS FROM SLATEPORT?!
ARE YOU DONE TALKING?!
YE-YES!!
GOOD.
WE HAD PLANNED TO COLLAPSE THE TUNNEL SECRETLY SO WE REALLY DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE PEOPLE HERE.

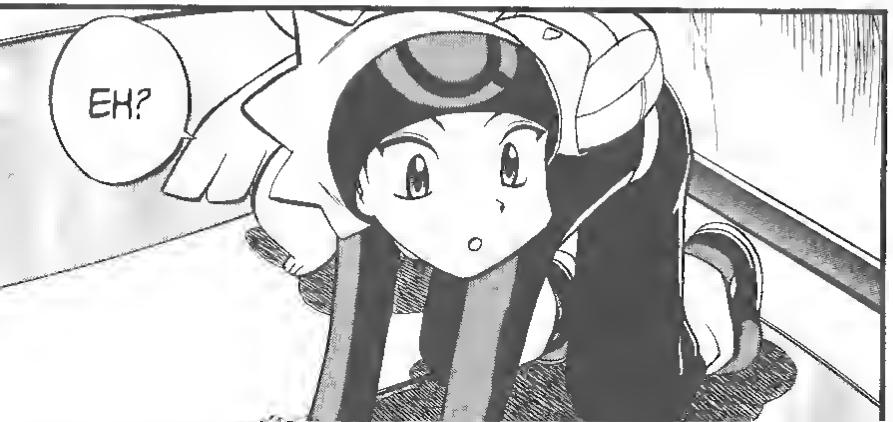
LET'S DO IT!!
CHARGE!
YEAH!!
WOAH!!
POOF

WELL NOW...
I'LL LEAVE YOU GUYS TO GET RID OF THOSE PESKY BUGS WHILE I SEARCH FOR WHAT I CAME HERE FOR.
RATTLE
RATTLE
BLAST


CHUCKLE... THE FIRE-RED JEWEL IS SAID TO BE HIDDEN IN HOENN.
ONCE WE MANAGE TO FIND THAT JEWEL, WE'LL BECOME THE TRUE LEADERS OF THE LAND.
SOON... WE'LL BE ABLE TO AWAKEN THAT LEGENDARY CREATURE...
...THE LAND POKÉMON!!


BUT WE MUSTN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN!!
WE MUST FIND THE GEM BEFORE TEAM AQUA AWAKENS THE OTHER POKÉMON!!

RUBY, HELP US!!
I DON'T WANNA !!
HUH? THAT BOY...


EH?

RUSTLE
HISS HISS HISS
CLICK
HISS HISS HISS

TIME FOR...
CLICK
...A CHANGE IN PLANS!!

FLAP
FLAP

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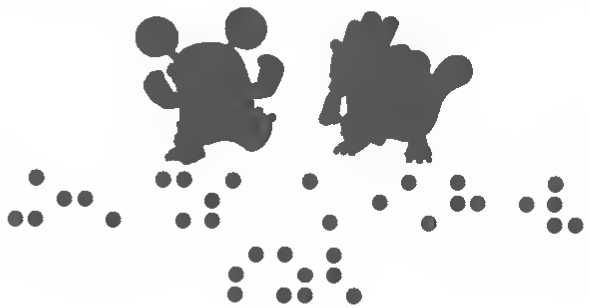

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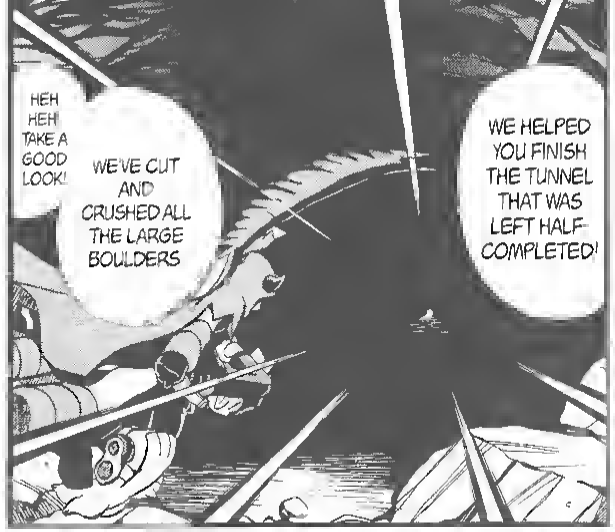
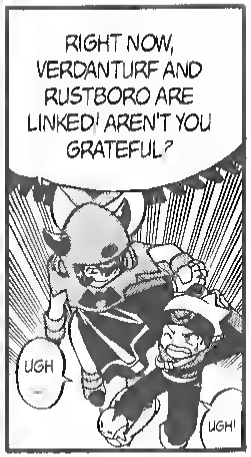
RUBY!!
SORRY, FOLKS! YOU'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH US FIRST!!
DARN!!
WHOOSH


HEH HEH! TAKE A GOOD LOOK!
WE'VE CUT AND CRUSHED ALL THE LARGE BOULDERS
WE HELPED YOU FINISH THE TUNNEL THAT WAS LEFT HALF-COMPLETED!

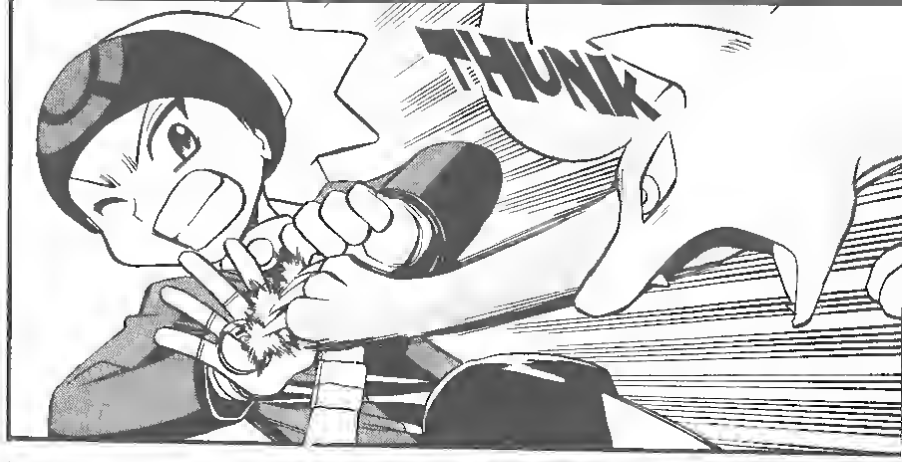

RIGHT NOW, VERDANTURF AND RUSTBORO ARE LINKED! AREN'T YOU GRATEFUL?
UGH
UGH!

ARE YOU TRYING TO STRUGGLE FREE?
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR ENERGY, MY BOY!

MY GLOVES ARE FILLED WITH A MIXTURE OF TREE SYRUP.
SOAK
IT'S THE BEST NATURAL GLUE YOU CAN GET!

BUT WHY... WHY ME?!
HEH! ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
WE HAD SUCH AN EXCITING ADVENTURE ON SEA ROUTE 108 AND AT SLATEPORT!!

DON'T YOU REMEMBER, MY DEAR LAD?
FLOOP
I WAS THE ONE WHO FOUGHT YOU ON THE ABANDONED SHIP!
URGH!!
BA MAH
UGH...
I'M ONE OF THE THREE FIRES IN TEAM MAGMA...
NAME'S MARGE!!
FLAP
FLAP
SHOW ME JUST HOW GOOD A TRAINER YOU ARE!!


THUNK

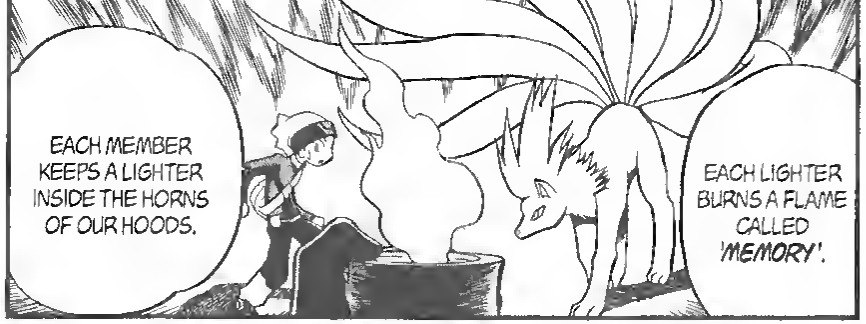
SWIPE
SWIPE
SWIPE

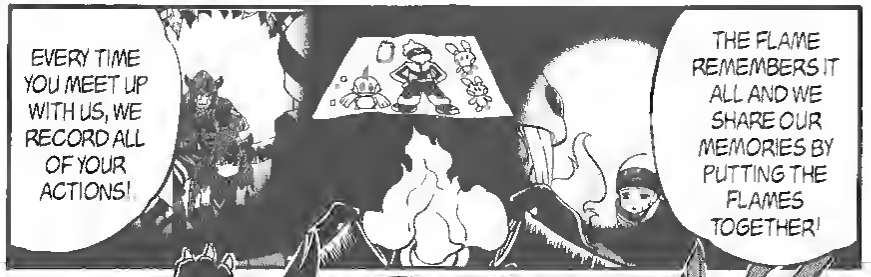
HEY, HEY! YOU WEREN'T SUCH A COWARD THE LAST TIME WE MET.
STOP DODGING! DON'T BE SUCH A WUSS! BRING OUT YOUR POKÉMON!

I BROUGHT YOU ALL THE WAY TO THIS DESERTED PLACE, JUST TO HAVE A BATTLE WITH YOU!!
!!

YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM US.
POP
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THE POWER OF TEAM MAGMA.

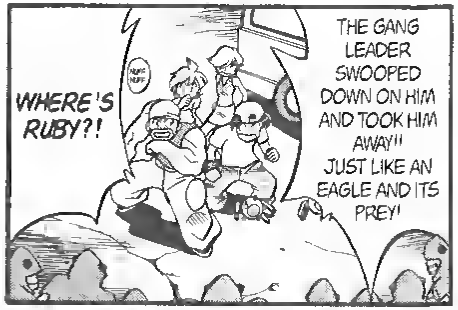
CLICK


EACH MEMBER KEEPS A LIGHTER INSIDE THE HORNS OF OUR HOODS.
EACH LIGHTER BURNS A FLAME CALLED 'MEMORY'.


EVERY TIME YOU MEET UP WITH US, WE RECORD ALL OF YOUR ACTIONS!
THE FLAME REMEMBERS IT ALL AND WE SHARE OUR MEMORIES BY PUTTING THE FLAMES TOGETHER!

WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, LADDIE.
POOF

NOW, THAT'S BETTER !!
YOU'RE FINALLY TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY !!


WHERE'S RUBY?!
THE GANG LEADER SWOOPED DOWN ON HIM AND TOOK HIM AWAY!! JUST LIKE AN EAGLE AND ITS PREY!

THAT BOY'S IN GREAT DANGER !!
HEH HEH
WE NEED TO GET PAST THESE GUYS!

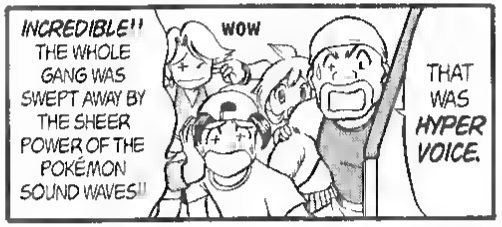
RILEY !!

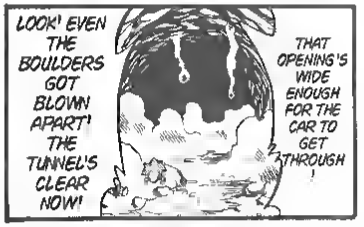
THE WHISMUR
I THOUGHT THEY ESCAPED?!

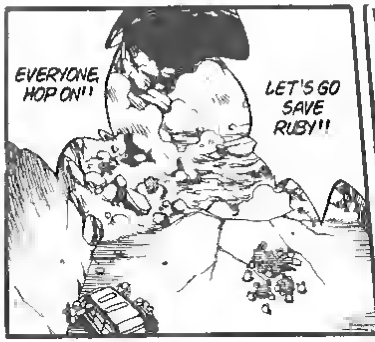
!!

THE WHISMUR COULDN'T STAND THE COMMOTION, SO THEY BROUGHT THEIR EVOLVED COMPANIONS HERE!!
AHH!
RUN!
..AND EX-PLOUD !!!
LOUDRED ...
GET DOWN !!
COVER YOUR EARS!!

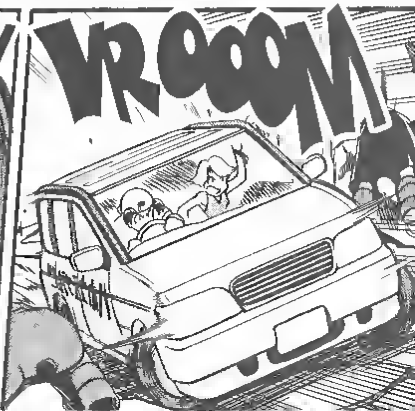
BOOOM


INCREDIBLE!! THE WHOLE GANG WAS SWEPT AWAY BY THE SHEER POWER OF THE POKÉMON SOUND WAVES!!
WOW
THAT WAS HYPER VOICE.


LOOK! EVEN THE BOULDERS GOT BLOWN APART! THE TUNNEL'S CLEAR NOW!
THAT OPENING'S WIDE ENOUGH FOR THE CAR TO GET THROUGH!

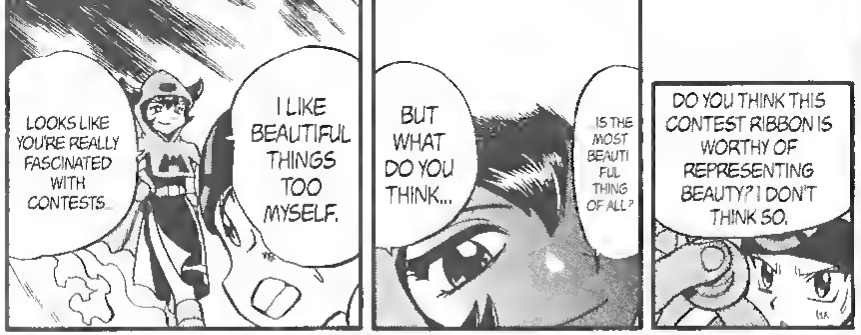

EVERYONE, HOP ON!!
LET'S GO SAVE RUBY!!

REW

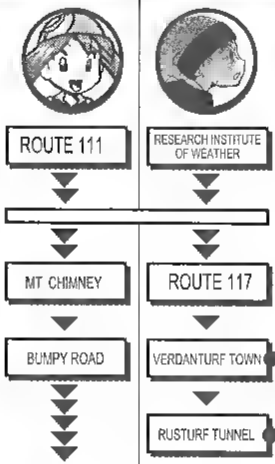

VROOOM

BA BA BA BA
THUMP THUMP
HEH! I SUPPOSE YOU TOOK FOR GRANTED THAT MARSHTOMP WOULD FEND AGAINST MY FIRE ATTACKS
THAT POKEMON MIGHT HAVE A NATURAL ADVANTAGE OVER MINE...
...BUT NINETALES HAS NINE TAILS AND CAN SHOOT NINE FIREBALLS ALL AT ONCE!!
MARSHTOMP CAN ONLY BLOCK ONE OR TWO OF THEM...

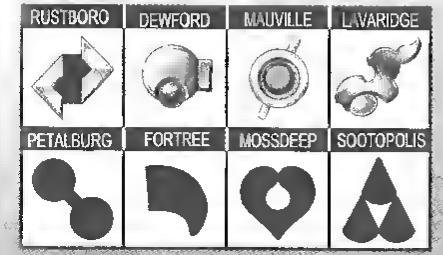
...WHILE THE REST OF THE FIREBALLS HIT YOU AND YOUR OTHER POKÉMON!!
DID I MENTION THAT I'M ONE OF THE THREE FIRES?
THE THREE FIRES IN TEAM MAGMA REFER TO THE THREE COORDINATORS WITHIN THE TEAM!
EACH OF US USES FIRE DIFFERENTLY
MITCH'S BEST ATTACK INVOLVES USING TORKOAL'S SMOKE TO MAKE ENEMIES SLEEPY.
AND THEN THERE'S MACK
HE USES FIRE ILLUSIONS TO ATTACK THE ENEMIES CONSCIOUSNESS
I, HOWEVER, DETEST SUCH TROUBLESOME ATTACKS!!
MY ATTACKS ARE STRAIGHTFORWARD.
I LIKE TO SET THINGS ON FIRE!!
I BURN...
...EVERYTHING TO SOOT-BLACK CRISPS!!

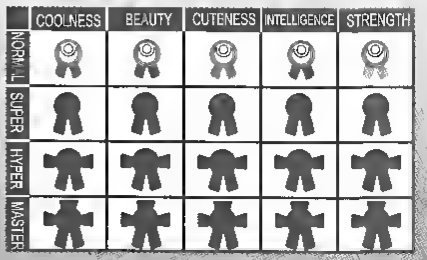

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY FASCINATED WITH CONTESTS.
I LIKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS TOO MYSELF.
BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK...
IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING OF ALL?
DO YOU THINK THIS CONTEST RIBBON IS WORTHY OF REPRESENTING BEAUTY? I DON'T THINK SO.

SAPPHIRE



RUBY





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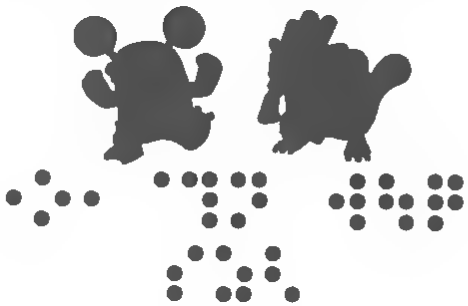

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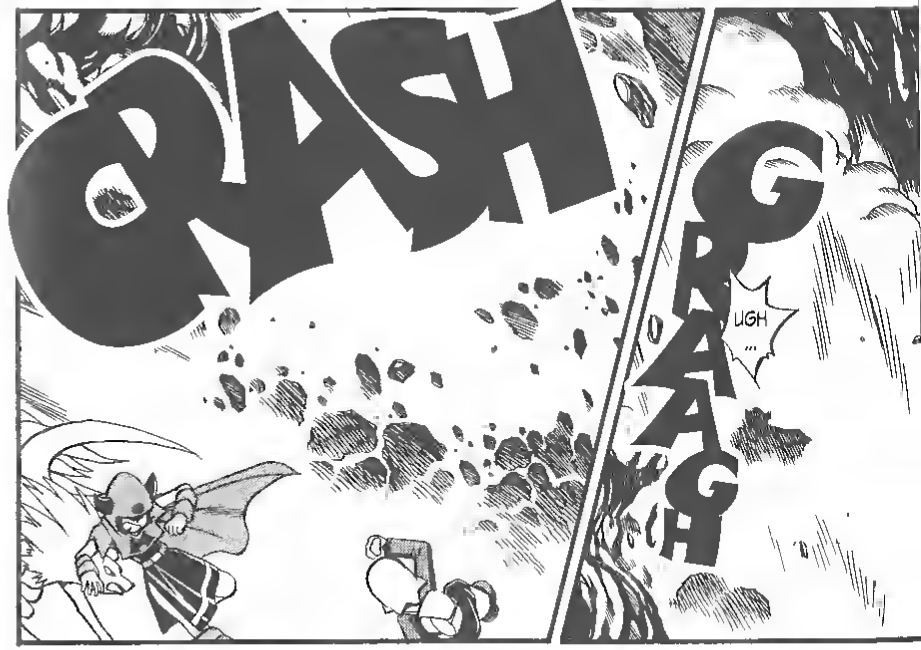
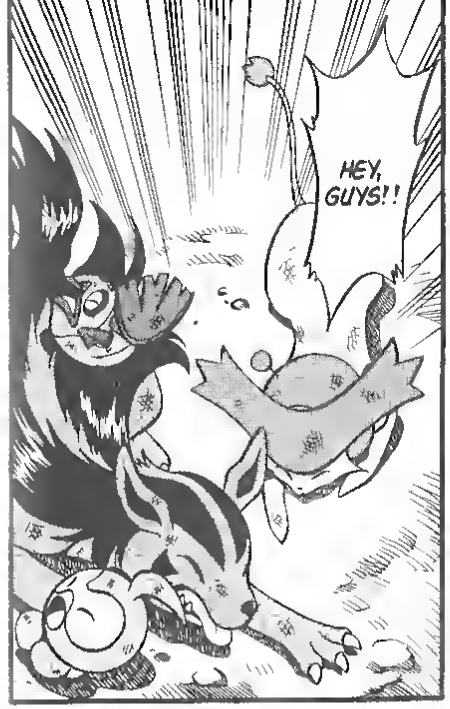
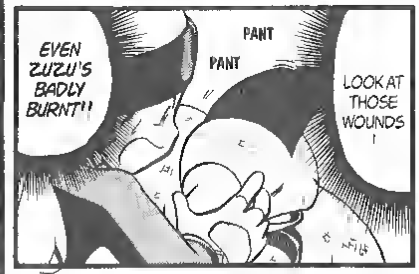
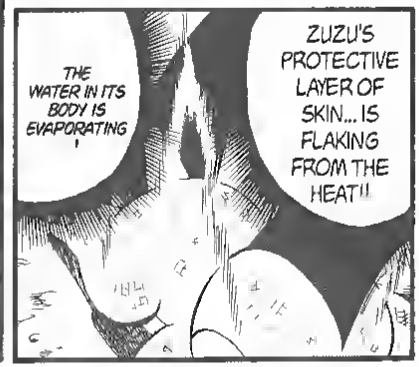
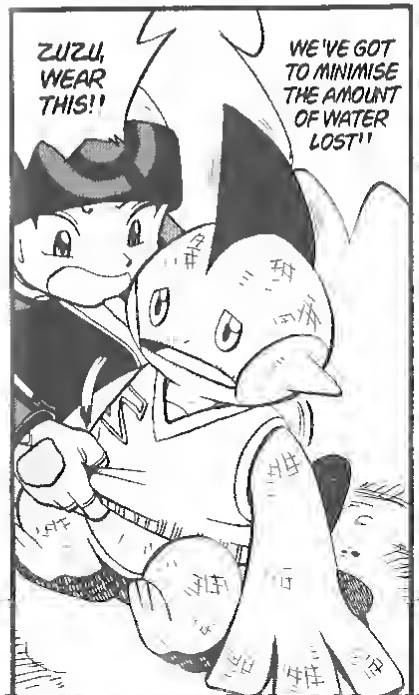


URGH! SOMEONE'S RELEASED HYPER VOICE ON THE OTHER SIDE!
THESE SOUND WAVES ARE TOO POWER-FUL!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WH-WHAT WAS SHE TRYING TO DO, INVITING ME ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WAS SHE TRYING TO THROW ME OFF GUARD?!
AH!! I'VE GOT TO SAVE THEM!!


HEY, GUYS!!


EVEN ZUZU'S BADLY BURNT!!
PANT
PANT
LOOK AT THOSE WOUNDS!


THE WATER IN ITS BODY IS EVAPORATING!
ZUZU'S PROTECTIVE LAYER OF SKIN... IS FLAKING FROM THE HEAT!!


ZUZU, WEAR THIS!!
WE'VE GOT TO MINIMISE THE AMOUNT OF WATER LOST!!

SHE'S TOO POWER-FUL!
I CAN'T DEFEAT HER... YET!!

WELL, WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER ?
...
GO! GET OUT OF HERE !!
SHOOOM
RUN! ZUZU!!
TAP
SO YOU WANT TO BE THE HERO WHO SAVES HIS POKÉMON?!
HMP.H
FIRE SPIN !!
SSA
BB

SO THAT'S YOUR ANSWER !!
SACRIFICING YOURSELF FOR YOUR POKÉMON!!
SUCH A SELF-RIGHTEOUS, NAÏVE LITTLE PUNK!
YOU'LL NEVER JOIN THE "DARK SIDE", EH?!
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY?!
DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK THIS IS A MANLY DISPLAY OF BRAVERY?!
WELL! WHAT A PITY, 'COS YOUR BRIEF MOMENT OF HEROISM ENDS NOW!
I'LL TURN YOU INTO A MISERABLE PILE OF BLACK SOOT...
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR REJECTING MY OFFER !!
YOU'LL GO OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY! ENJOY!
BLAST
...
EXCUSE ME...
...BUT I THINK YOU'RE HORRIBLY MISTAKEN...

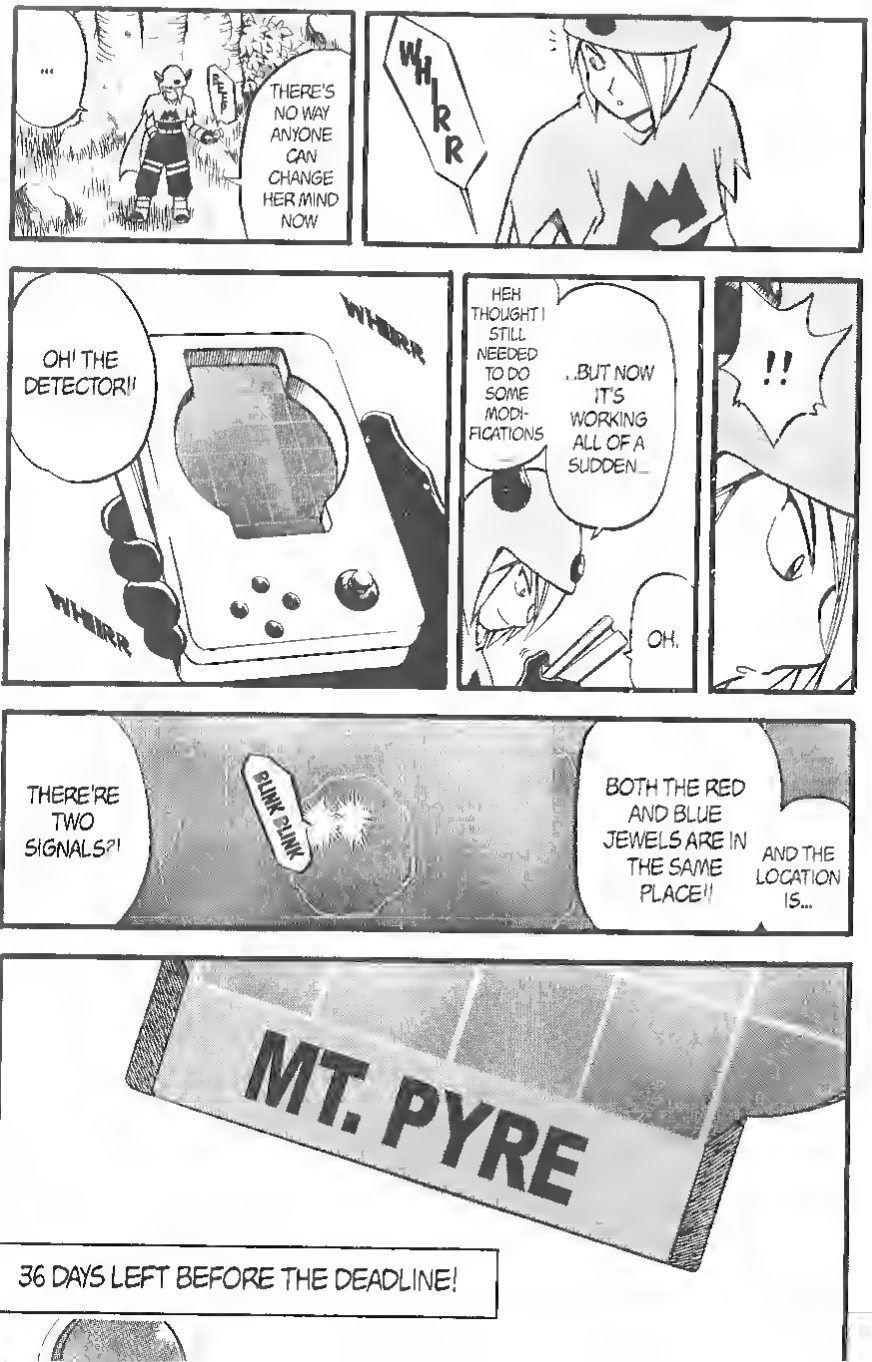
I HATE RIGHTEOUSNESS, MANLINESS AND ALL THAT RUBBISH!
CLICK
AND I WOULDN'T BE SO STUPID AS TO ACTUALLY SACRIFICE MYSELF, WOULD I?
MY POKÉMON WILL BE SAFE...
!! WHIP
...AND I'LL BE SAFE TOO!! WE'LL ALL GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE!!
WHOOSH
YARN ?!
WE'VE BEEN HEARING ECHOES OF HYPER VOICE WITHIN THE TUNNEL.

THAT'S WHY YOU COULDN'T HEAR THAT SOUND!
BUT ZUZU COULD DETECT IT!
THE HOENN TV VEHICLE...
...IS COMING STRAIGHT FOR US!
IMP
PULL
ZIP
SO...
...IT'S GOODBYE FOR NOW!!

SLIDE
WHOOSH
SNIP
DON'T GET TOO CARRIED AWAY...
THE FIRE'S GETTING OUT OF CONTROL!
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
TMP
RUBY!!
GET BACK HERE!

RUSTLE
RING
WHO IS IT?
THIS IS MACK.
SO DID YOU FIND THE "RED JEWEL"?
CLICK
...
MACK ...
...CAN YOU TAKE OVER THE SEARCH FOR THE JEWEL?
I'VE LOST INTEREST. ...I MEAN...

RIGHT NOW...
...I'M MORE INTERESTED IN ANOTHER TASK AT HAND.
ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED MODIFYING THE DETECTOR, I'M SURE YOU WON'T NEED MY HELP IN THE SEARCH.
HEH, QUICK TO CHANGE YOUR MIND AS USUAL, MARGE...
IS THIS RELATED TO THAT BOY NAMED RUBY?
HAHAHA! HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
FLAP
FLAP
I'VE KNOWN YOU LONG ENOUGH
PLEASE HELP ME INFORM THE LEADER THAT I'LL BE AWAY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.
BEEP
I WON'T ADMIT DEFEAT...
...SO EASILY!



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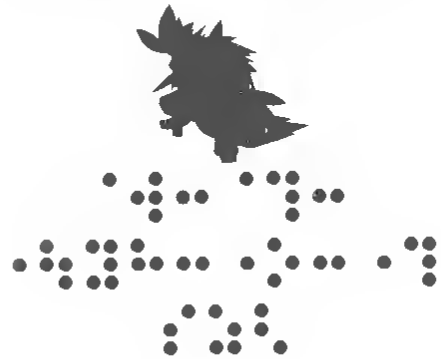

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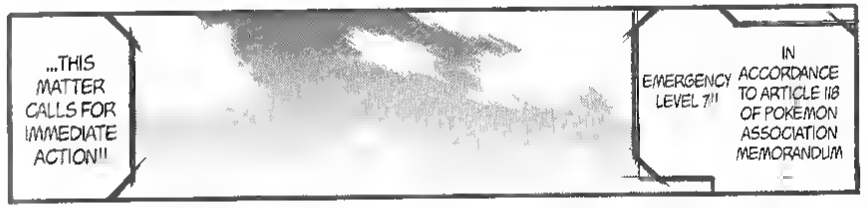
RING RING
HARLOW! DEWFORD GYM LEADER, BRAWLY SPEAKING
WIPE
WIPE
YES! THIS IS ROXANNE OF RUSTBORO GYM.
WINONA OF FORTREE HERE.
RING RING
NORMAN
..OF PETALBURG.
RING
MAUVILLE'S WATTSON! WATTS' ON?
WAH HAH HAH HAH!
HELLO EVERYBODY!! THIS IS FLANNERY, GYM LEADER OF LAVARIDGE!!

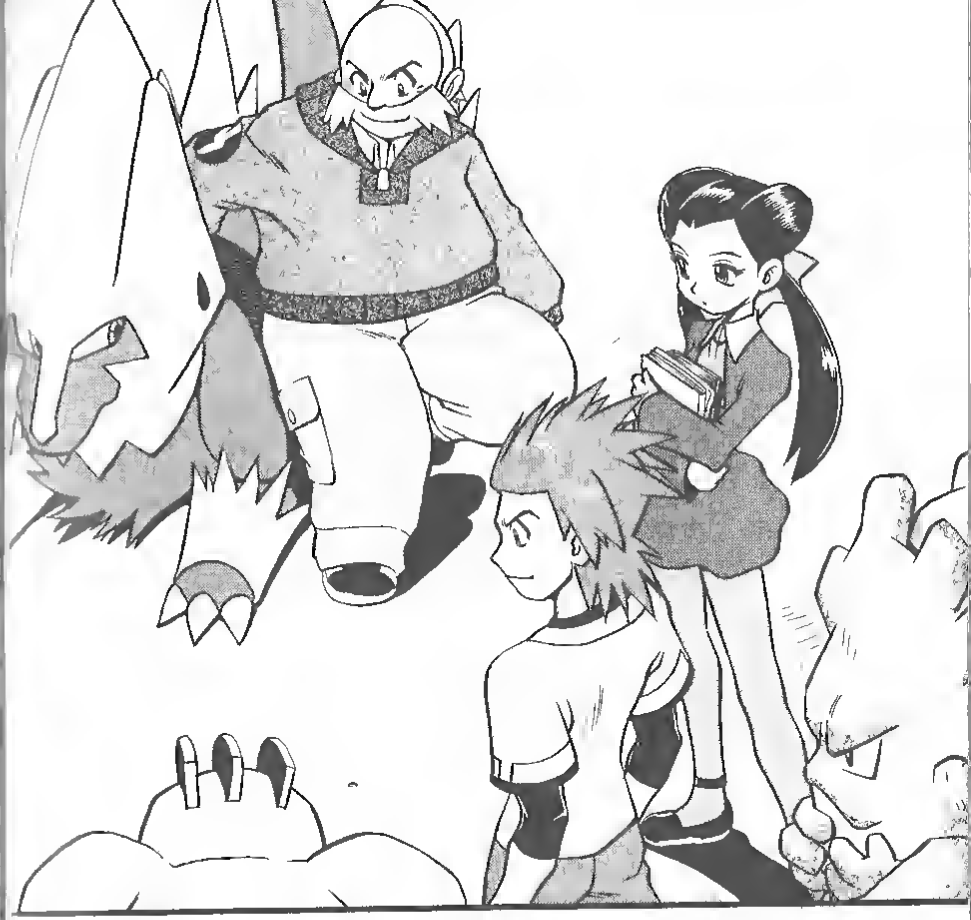
THIS IS A SIMULTANEOUS CALL TO ALL GYM LEADERS ON THE HOTLINE!!
AS A JUNIOR GYM LEADER, I APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING THE LIBERTY OF CONTACTING YOU IN THIS MANNER.
HOW-EVER ...


...THIS MATTER CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION!!
EMERGENCY LEVEL 7!!
IN ACCORDANCE TO ARTICLE 118 OF POKEMON ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM

...I REQUEST THAT A MEETING BE HELD AMONGST ALL HOENN GYM LEADERS!!

FORTREE CITY TREE TOWER
RUMBLE
RATTLE
GRAB
HAH!
CLIMB
HUH!
CLIMB

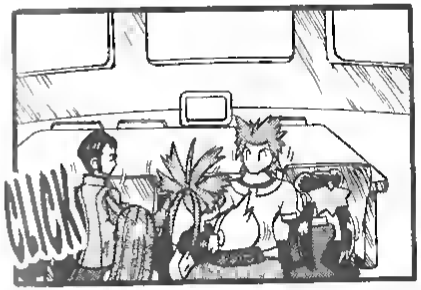
AHH!
RUSTLE
MPTMP
VROOM VROOM
VROOM VROOM VROOM
THEY'RE COMING...



HI THERE, FOLKS! IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE WE MET! LET'S MEET SOMETIME AGAIN.
WAH HAH HAH!
PEN PLEASE...

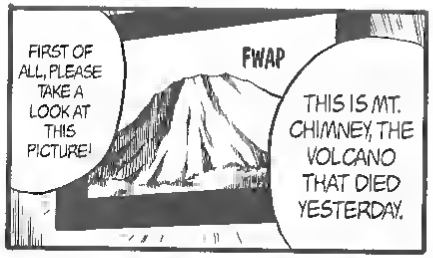
I SEE THAT ATTENDANCE ISN'T SO GOOD!
ATTENDANCE
OUT OF NINE GYM LEADERS, ONLY SIX ARE HERE. THREE ARE ABSENT...

...DESPITE THIS BEING AN EMERGENCY LEVEL 7 CALL...
FLANNERY, DO YOU KNOW WHY THEY'RE ABSENT?
YE-YES.
I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT TATE AND LIZA. AS FOR WALLACE, HE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A JOURNEY TO FALLABOR IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT SOME INVESTIGATIONS.
HE'S TAKING PART IN THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.


CLICK

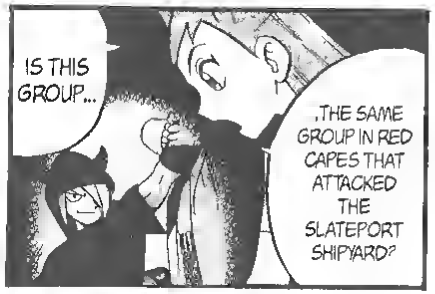
HI, SORRY FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO JOIN YOU IN PERSON

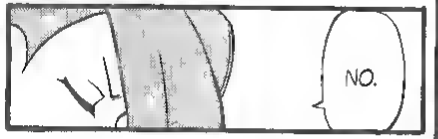
I THINK WE CAN START NOW.
FLANNERY!
YES, M'AM!


FIRST OF ALL, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PICTURE!
FWAP
THIS IS MT. CHIMNEY, THE VOLCANO THAT DIED YESTERDAY.

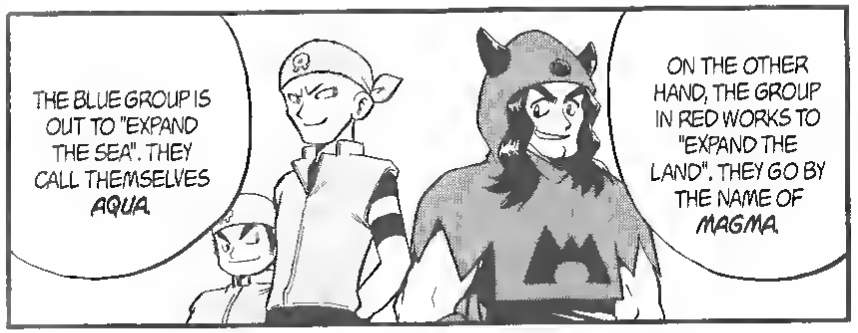
I WITNESSED ITS DEATH WITH MY VERY OWN EYES!!
THE VOLCANO'S ACTIVITIES WERE CEASED BY MAN...

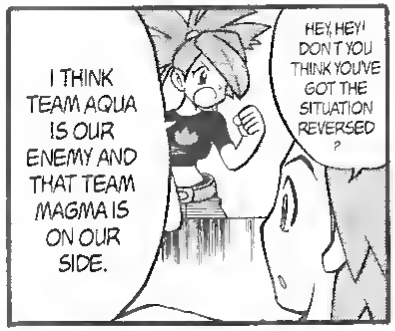
THE GROUP, WHICH CAME UP WITH THIS EVIL PLOT, WILL CONTINUE TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE HOENN REGION!
THERE IS A NEED TO RALLY ALL GYM LEADERS TO THE TASK OF DEFEATING THIS EVIL FORCE!!

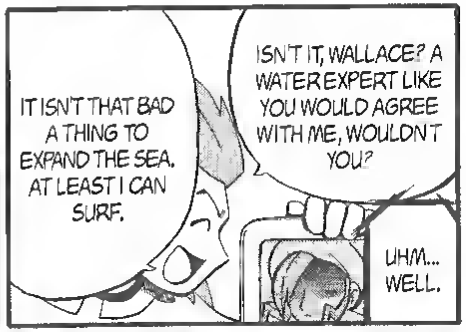

IS THIS GROUP...
...THE SAME GROUP IN RED CAPES THAT ATTACKED THE SLATEPORT SHIPYARD?


NO.

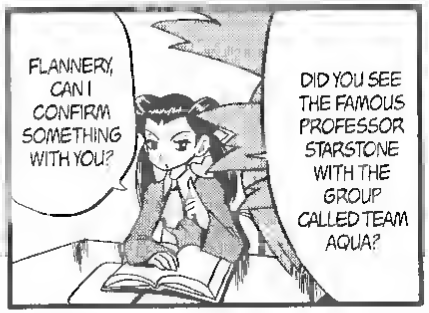
THE GROUP THAT I FOUGHT WAS IN BLUE.
A MAN WEARING A RED CAPE HELPED ME INSTEAD.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!


THE BLUE GROUP IS OUT TO "EXPAND THE SEA". THEY CALL THEMSELVES AQUA.
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GROUP IN RED WORKS TO "EXPAND THE LAND". THEY GO BY THE NAME OF MAGMA.

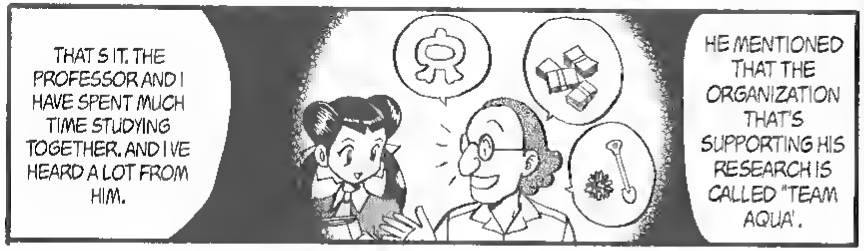

I THINK TEAM AQUA IS OUR ENEMY AND THAT TEAM MAGMA IS ON OUR SIDE.
HEY, HEY! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT THE SITUATION REVERSED?

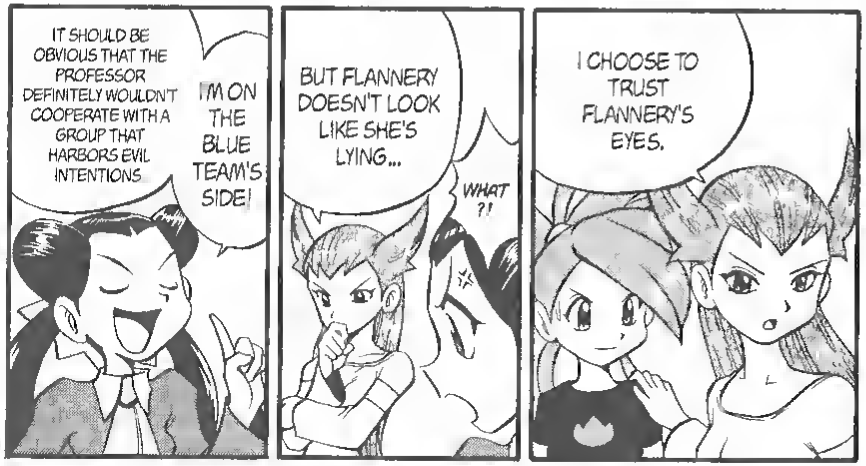

IT ISN'T THAT BAD A THING TO EXPAND THE SEA. AT LEAST I CAN SURF.
ISN'T IT, WALLACE? A WATER EXPERT LIKE YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME, WOULDN'T YOU?
UHM... WELL.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! THE LAND IS MORE IMPORTANT!! DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MAUVILLE HAS SUFFERED DUE TO THE LACK OF LAND...
EVERYONE HOLD YOUR FIRE! PLEASE DON'T START A PETTY QUARREL HERE!!
THUMP
FLINE

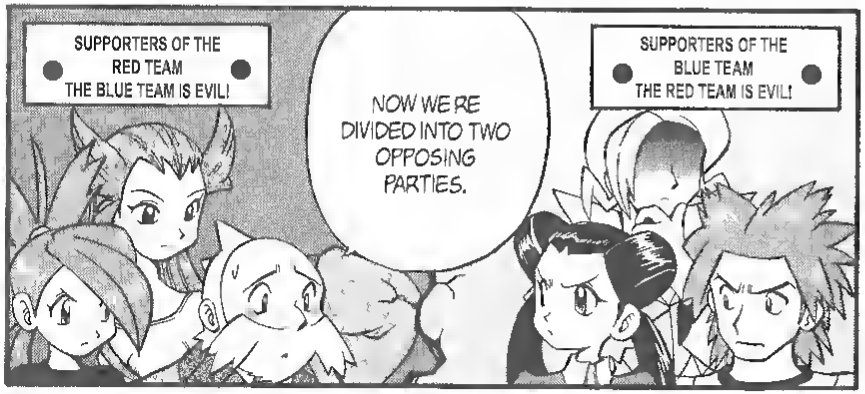

FLANNERY, CAN I CONFIRM SOMETHING WITH YOU?
DID YOU SEE THE FAMOUS PROFESSOR STARSTONE WITH THE GROUP CALLED TEAM AQUA?

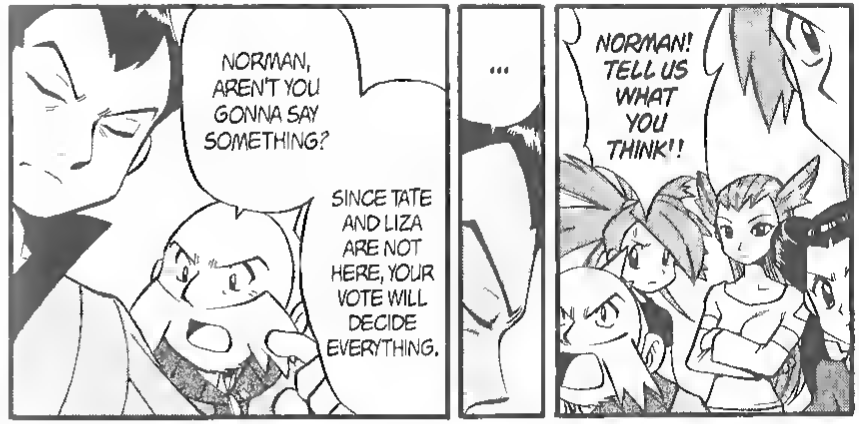
HMM... COME TO THINK OF IT...
YES! HE WAS THERE TOO!


THAT'S IT. THE PROFESSOR AND I HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME STUDYING TOGETHER. AND I'VE HEARD A LOT FROM HIM.
HE MENTIONED THAT THE ORGANIZATION THAT'S SUPPORTING HIS RESEARCH IS CALLED "TEAM AQUA".


IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT THE PROFESSOR DEFINITELY WOULDN'T COOPERATE WITH A GROUP THAT HARBORS EVIL INTENTIONS.
I'M ON THE BLUE TEAM'S SIDE!
BUT FLANNERY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S LYING...
WHAT ?!
I CHOOSE TO TRUST FLANNERY'S EYES.

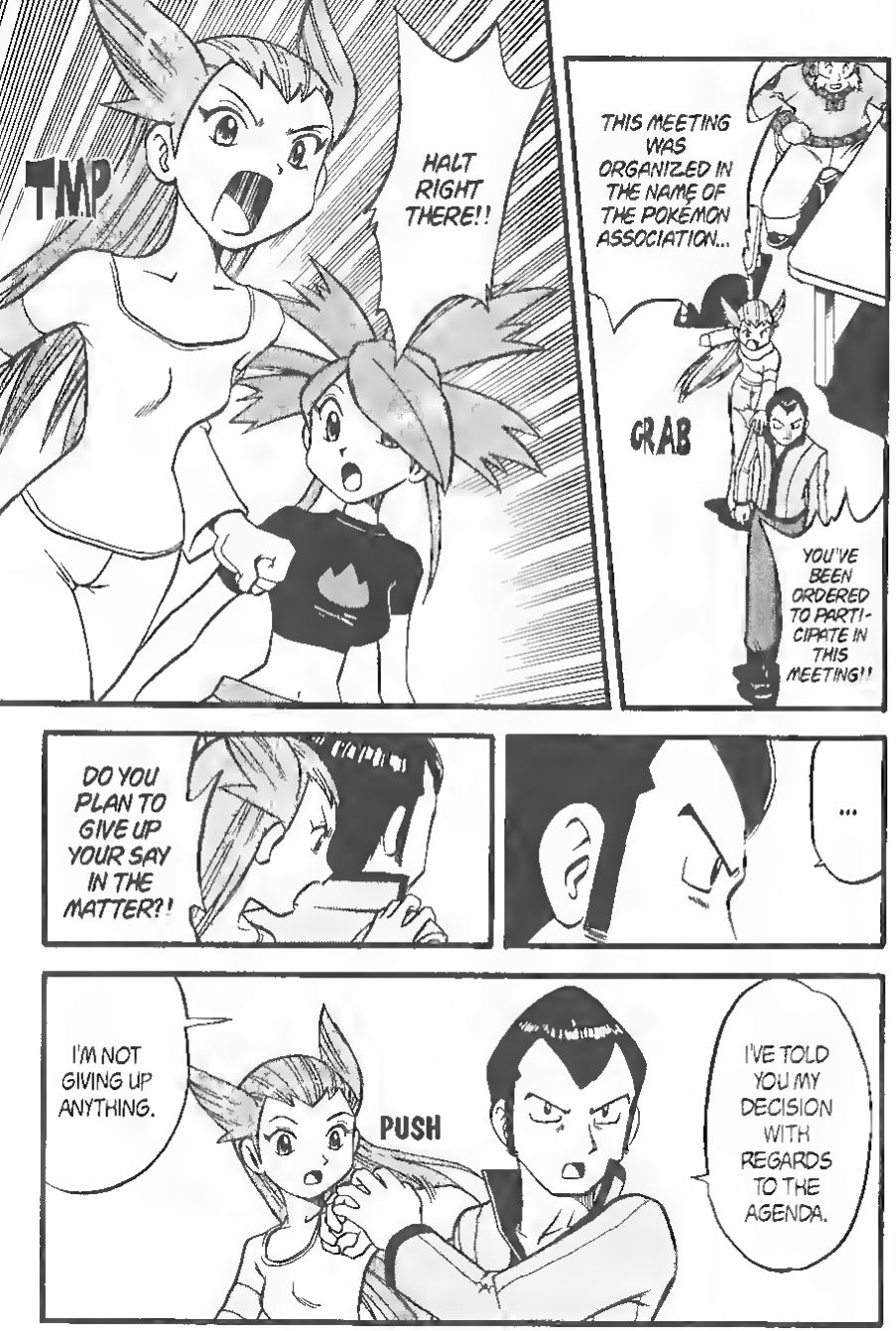
UM...
I SMELL TROUBLE ...


SUPPORTERS OF THE RED TEAM
THE BLUE TEAM IS EVIL!
NOW WE'RE DIVIDED INTO TWO OPPOSING PARTIES.
SUPPORTERS OF THE BLUE TEAM
THE RED TEAM IS EVIL!

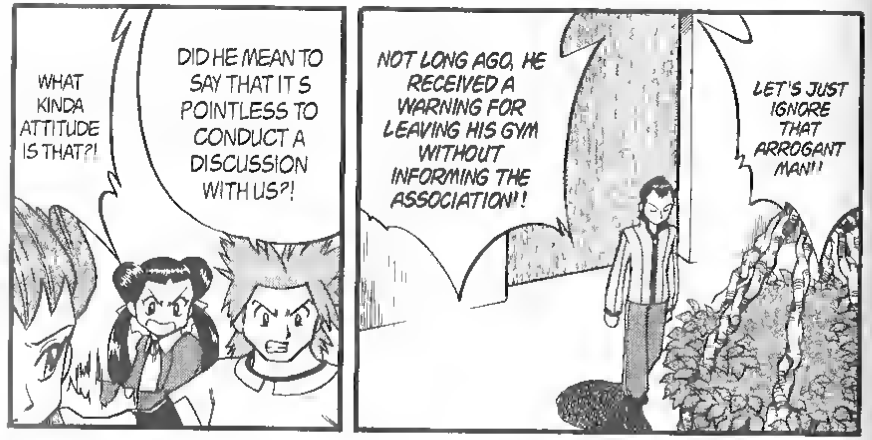

NORMAN, AREN'T YOU GONNA SAY SOMETHING?
SINCE TATE AND LIZA ARE NOT HERE, YOUR VOTE WILL DECIDE EVERYTHING.
...
NORMAN! TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!!

PUSH
I...

...AM NOT IN SUPPORT OF EITHER TEAM.
EXCUSE ME.


TMP
HALT RIGHT THERE!!
THIS MEETING WAS ORGANIZED IN THE NAME OF THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION...
GRAB
YOU'VE BEEN ORDERED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING!!
DO YOU PLAN TO GIVE UP YOUR SAY IN THE MATTER?!
...
I'M NOT GIVING UP ANYTHING.
PUSH
I'VE TOLD YOU MY DECISION WITH REGARDS TO THE AGENDA.

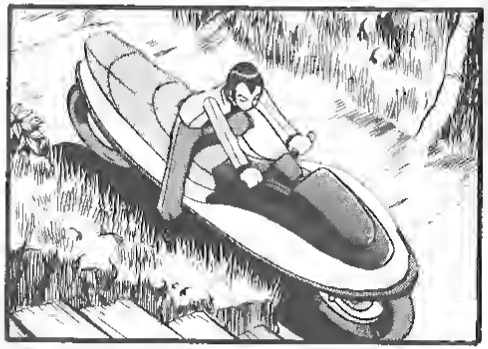
"I AM NOT IN SUPPORT OF EITHER TEAM."
THAT'S MY VOTE.
BUT THAT DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION!
WE'RE GYM LEADERS. WE WERE CHOSEN BY THE ASSOCIATION AS REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH TOWN AND CITY TO HELP UPHOLD PEACE AND STABILITY.
CLICK
YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION TOO!!
AN ASSOCIATION?
THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION?
OPEN
!!


WHAT KINDA ATTITUDE IS THAT?!
DID HE MEAN TO SAY THAT IT'S POINTLESS TO CONDUCT A DISCUSSION WITH US?!
NOT LONG AGO, HE RECEIVED A WARNING FOR LEAVING HIS GYM WITHOUT INFORMING THE ASSOCIATION!!
LET'S JUST IGNORE THAT ARROGANT MAN!!

HEY, COME ON... WITHOUT NORMAN, WE CAN'T HAVE A NORMAL DISCUSSION.
WAH HAH ...

OOPS

HEY, WAIT FOR ME!! NORMAN !!



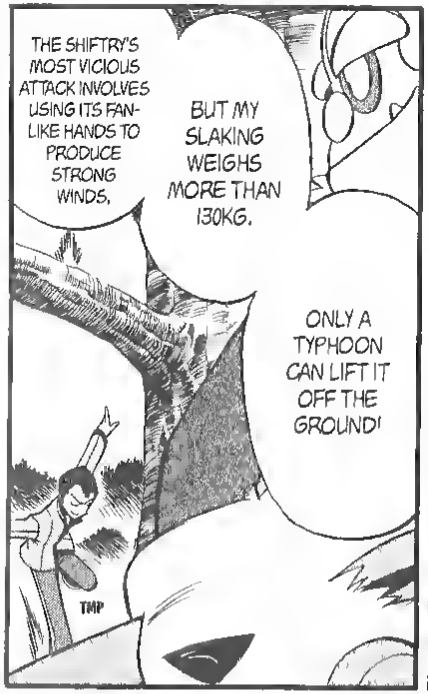
WHIRL

GARGH!!
WHOOSH

A WILD SHIFTRY !!
GO, SLAKING !!
POOF

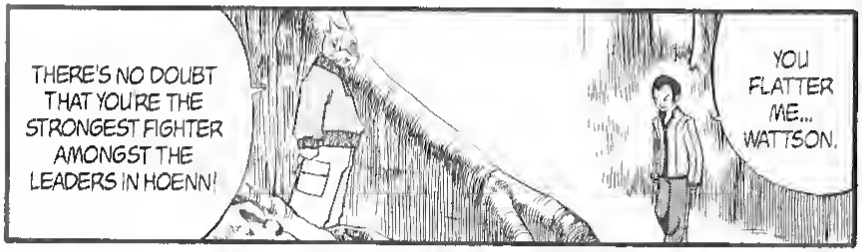
BLAST
BLAST

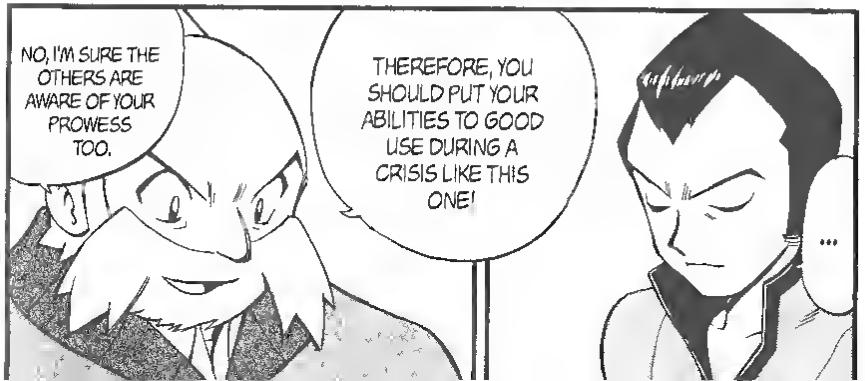
BAM


THE SHIFTRY'S MOST VICIOUS ATTACK INVOLVES USING ITS FAN-LIKE HANDS TO PRODUCE STRONG WINDS.
BUT MY SLAKING WEIGHS MORE THAN 130KG.
ONLY A TYPHOON CAN LIFT IT OFF THE GROUND!
TMP

CLAP CLAP CLAP

IMPRESSIVE !
YOU'RE INDEED AN EXPERT IN BATTLE.


THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU'RE THE STRONGEST FIGHTER AMONGST THE LEADERS IN HOENN!
YOU FLATTER ME... WATTSON.


NO, I'M SURE THE OTHERS ARE AWARE OF YOUR PROWESS TOO.
THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR ABILITIES TO GOOD USE DURING A CRISIS LIKE THIS ONE!
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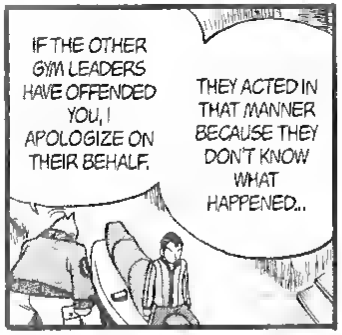
IF THE OTHER GYM LEADERS HAVE OFFENDED YOU, I APOLOGIZE ON THEIR BEHALF.
THEY ACTED IN THAT MANNER BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED...

SEVEN YEARS AGO...
...BETWEEN YOU AND THE ASSOCIATION.

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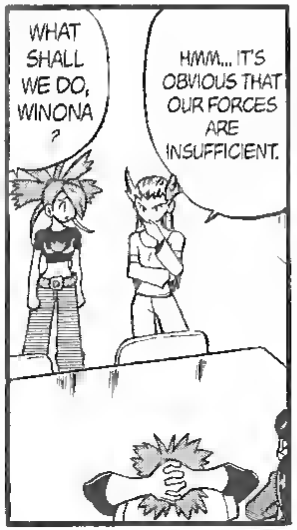
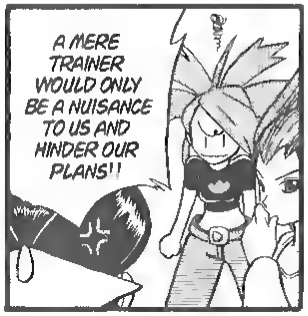
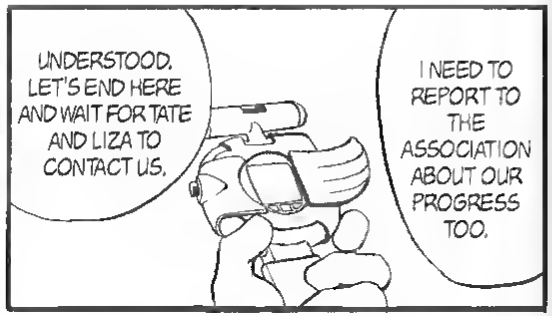
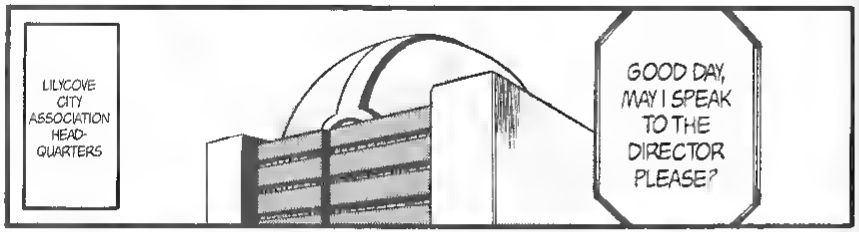

WHAT SHALL WE DO, WINONA ?
HMM... IT'S OBVIOUS THAT OUR FORCES ARE INSUFFICIENT.

I'VE AN IDEA!
THERE'RE MANY TRAINERS WHO HAVE HIGH LEVELS OF BATTLE SKILLS. CAN'T WE ASK FOR THEIR HELP?

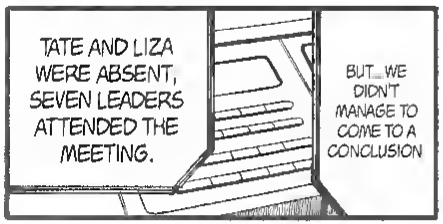
I MET ONE SUCH TRAINER AT MT. CHIMNEY. SHE'D DEFINITELY BE A RELIABLE FIGHTER TO HAVE.
UHM ...
ARE YOU JOKING ?!

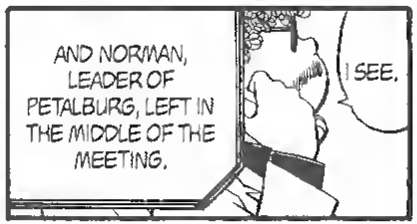

A MERE TRAINER WOULD ONLY BE A NUISANCE TO US AND HINDER OUR PLANS!!


UNDERSTOOD. LET'S END HERE AND WAIT FOR TATE AND LIZA TO CONTACT US.
I NEED TO REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION ABOUT OUR PROGRESS TOO.


LILYCOVE CITY ASSOCIATION HEAD-QUARTERS
GOOD DAY, MAY I SPEAK TO THE DIRECTOR PLEASE?

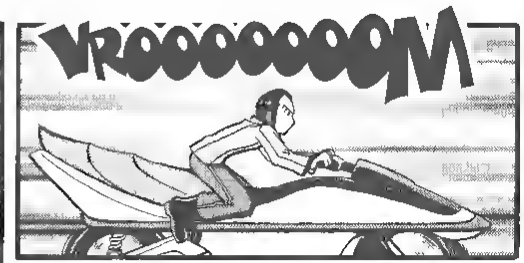
SPEAKING.


TATE AND LIZA WERE ABSENT, SEVEN LEADERS ATTENDED THE MEETING.
BUT... WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO COME TO A CONCLUSION


AND NORMAN, LEADER OF PETALBURG, LEFT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MEETING.
I SEE.

NORMAN...
THAT MAN AGAIN...

VROOM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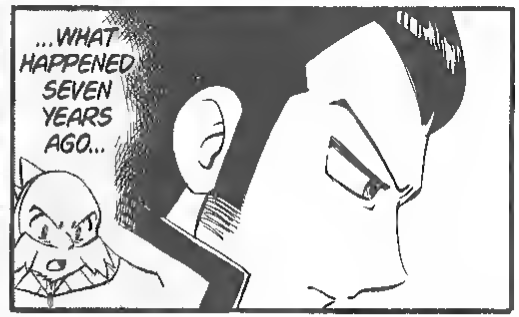
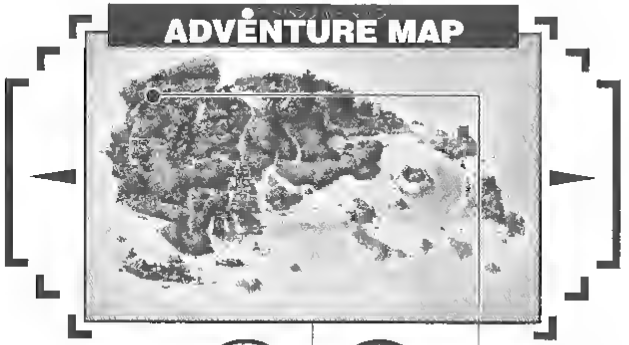

...WHAT HAPPENED SEVEN YEARS AGO...

...
VROOM
WINONA, WAIT!
PLEASE HOLD ON FOR A MINUTE, DIRECTOR.
WHAT'S WRONG, WALLACE?
ACTUALLY, THE DEATH OF THE VOLCANO HAS TIPPED THE ENERGY BALANCE IN THE ENTIRE HOENN REGION.
ESPECIALLY IN MY TOWN, SOOTOPOLIS.
CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THE DETAILS?
AN OBVIOUS CONSEQUENCE IS THE RISE IN SEA LEVEL. BUT I HAVEN'T MANAGED TO ANALYZE THE DATA YET.
THE PURPOSE OF MY JOURNEY TO FALLABOR IS TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM PROFESSOR STARSTONE.
I SEE. KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR PROGRESS.
OKAY.
AND I'LL TAKE PART IN CONTESTS ALONG THE WAY, OF COURSE! ♫

DID YOU HEAR THAT, DIRECTOR?
YES, THE EVENT WE FEAR IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE.
THE RE-AWAKENING OF THE ANCIENT POKÉMON IS DRAWING NEAR. MANY HAVE LONG REGARDED THE ANCIENTS AS A MYTH.
HOWEVER...
YOU MEAN THEY ACTUALLY EXIST?!
THE ANCIENT LEGENDARY POKÉMON, KYOGRE AND GROUDON!!
YES! THEY DO EXIST!!
AND WITH THE RISING SEA LEVEL, IT'S LIKELY THAT OF THE TWO, THE FIRST TO AWAKE WILL BE...
KYOGRE!!!

THE PRESENCE OF THE TWO ANCIENT POKÉMON IS NOW APPARENT !!
HOWEVER, THE GYM LEADERS ARE STILL UNAWARE THAT TEAM AQUA'S AND TEAM MAGMA'S TRUE MOTIVES LIE IN THE REVIVAL OF THE ANCIENT POKÉMON!!
ONCE AGAIN, THE GYM LEADERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY DIVIDED IN THEIR OPINIONS...
...MUST REUNITE AND TAKE PART IN THE ANCIENT BATTLE AGAINST EVIL!!



SAPPHIRE

RUBY

TORO
COMBUSKEN ♀
Lv33

RONO
LAIRON ♂
Lv41

WALO
WAILORD ♂
Lv46

DONO
DONPHAN ♂
Lv44

PILO
TROPIUS ♂
Lv43

MT. CHIMNEY

BUMPY ROAD

ROUTE 117

VERDANTURF TOWN

RUSTURF TUNNEL

RUSTBORO CITY

ROUTE 115

ROUTE 114

ZUZU
MARSHTOMP ♂

NANA
MIGHTYENA ♀

COCO
DELCATTY ♀

MIMI
TEEDAS ♀

POPO
CASTFORM ♀

RUSTBORO	DEWFORD	MAUVILLE	LAVARIDGE
PETALBURG	FORTREE	MOSSDEEP	SOOTOPOLIS

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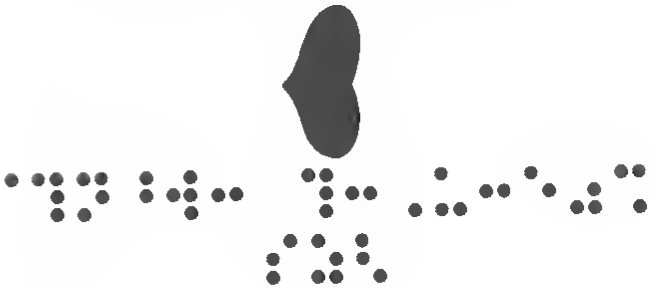

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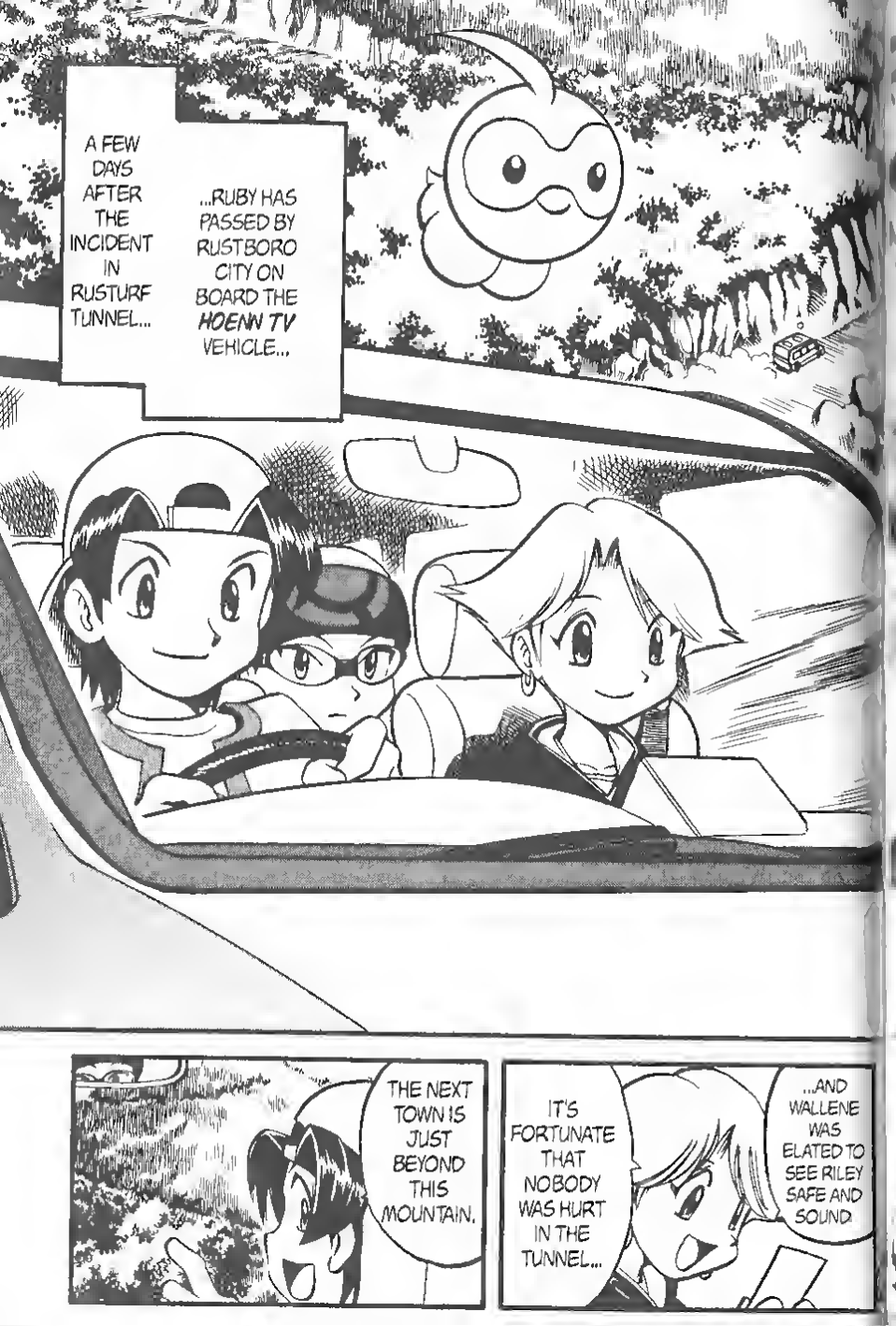

A FEW DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT IN RUSTURF TUNNEL...
...RUBY HAS PASSED BY RUSTBORO CITY ON BOARD THE HOENN TV VEHICLE...
FALLABOR TOWN
ROUTE 116
METEOR FALLS
ROUTE 115
RUSTBORO CITY
...AND IS NOW TRAVELING TOWARDS FALLABOR TOWN.
TODAY'S INCIDENT STARTED OFF AS A DISASTER BUT EVERYTHING TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT IN THE END.
WITH THE BOULDER HEAP OUT OF THE WAY AND WITH THE HELP OF LOUDRED AND EXPLOUD'S HYPER VOICE, THE TUNNEL IS ALMOST DONE.
WE CAN FINISH THE REST OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK QUIETLY WITHOUT HAVING TO USE ANY MACHINES.
WE WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE TUNNEL WITHOUT CAUSING ANY MORE DISTRESS TO THE WHISMUR
IN THE PAST, IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR RILEY AND I TO MEET EACH OTHER, AS HE LIVES IN RUSTBORO AND I LIVE IN VERDANTURF.
...WE'LL BE ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH EACH OTHER. ♥
THE NEXT TOWN IS JUST BEYOND THIS MOUNTAIN.
IT'S FORTUNATE THAT NOBODY WAS HURT IN THE TUNNEL...
...AND WALLENE WAS ELATED TO SEE RILEY SAFE AND SOUND.
MARYANN, TYLER... THANK YOU SO MUCH.
HOW-EVER...
...THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE EVIL RED TEAM IS STILL AT LARGE...

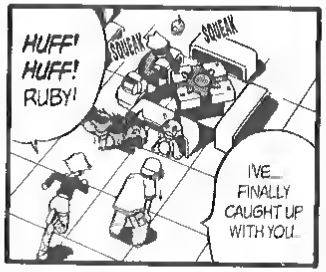
WE'LL TRY OUR BEST TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA WORLD, WE'LL FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE EVIL TEAM...
...AND DIG OUT THEIR TRUE MOTIVES!
WELL, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I SAID TO WALLENE.
ACTUALLY, HE'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S HAD ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THAT RED CAPED TEAM.
I THOUGHT WE COULD GET SOME CLUES BY HANGING AROUND HIM, BUT HE'S NOT BEEN OF MUCH HELP AT ALL.
HEY RUBY, ABOUT THE INCIDENTS AT SLATEPORT AND RUSTURF TUNNEL...
DON'T YOU EVER GET TIRED OF TALKING ABOUT THE SAME STUFF?
I'VE TOLD YOU UMPTEEN TIMES, I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM.
BOTH TIMES, I WAS TRAPPED AND THE ONLY THINGS I REMEMBER REVOLVE AROUND MY DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE WITH MY LIFE INTACT

RIGHT NOW, I'M BUSY PREPARING FOR THE SUPER RANK CONTESTS IN FALLABOR.
YES, I CAN'T AFFORD TO GET DISTRACTED NOW.
I MUST CONCENTRATE ON WINNING ALL FIVE RIBBONS IN FALLABOR !!
RIBBON ...
DO YOU THINK THIS CONTEST RIBBON IS WORTHY OF REPRESENTING BEAUTY? I DON'T THINK SO
WELL...
...WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING OF ALL?
AH !
NO, NO! I MUSTN'T THINK ABOUT THAT!!
I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE CONTESTS !

HEY! WE'LL BE THERE SOON !!
SCREECH
RUBY, COME OUT AND TAKE A LOOK.
HOENN TV
THAT'S FALLABOR TOWN!
?!
SQUISH
DO YOU SEE THAT HUGE VOLCANO LOOMING ON THE HORIZON? IT'S CALLED MT. CHIMNEY AND IT'S ALWAYS EMITTING VOLCANIC ASH.
THE ASHES COVER THE TOWN LIKE FRESHLY FALLEN SNOW.
IS THIS... SNOW ?
IT'S VOLCANIC ASH

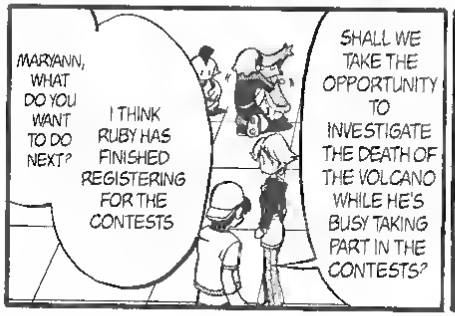
HMM, THAT'S STRANGE... THERE SHOULD BE VOLCANIC ASH DRIFTING OVER THE TOWN RIGHT NOW, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY...
TYLER !!
THE VOLCANO DIED SOME DAYS AGO!!
IT'S ALL OVER THE NEWS !!
RUBY!!
COULD THIS BE THE RESULT OF ANOTHER EVIL PLOT..
HUH ?
HEY, RUBY..
WHOOOSH
POKEMON CONTEST
KIRA !

I WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE SUPER RANK CONTESTS !!
SCREECH
EEEKS!!
THUMP


HUFF! HUFF! RUBY!
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
I'VE... FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU...

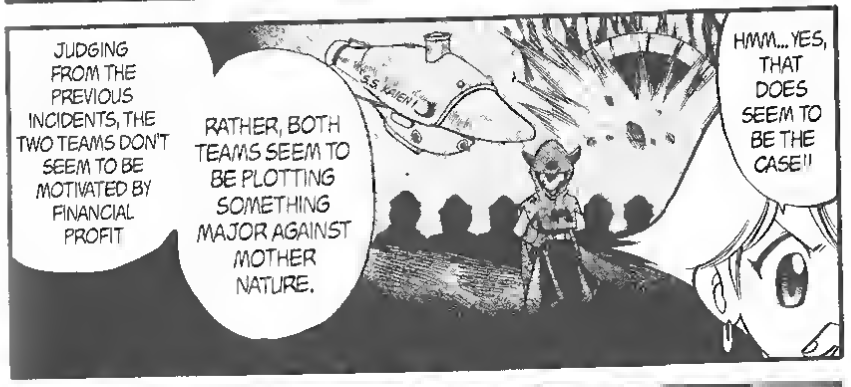
...
SQUEAK
SQUEAK

RUBY HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY OBSESSED WITH THE CONTEST PREPARATIONS...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE'S TRYING TO SHAKE HIS MIND OFF SOMETHING...


MARYANN, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NEXT?
I THINK RUBY HAS FINISHED REGISTERING FOR THE CONTESTS
SHALL WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF THE VOLCANO WHILE HE'S BUSY TAKING PART IN THE CONTESTS?

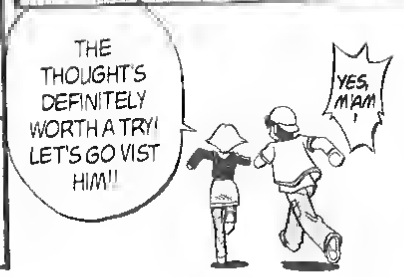
INVESTIGATE... WELL, IS THERE SOME KIND OF CLUE WE CAN FOLLOW?
ERR, I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE A CLUE, BUT I'VE BEEN THINKING...

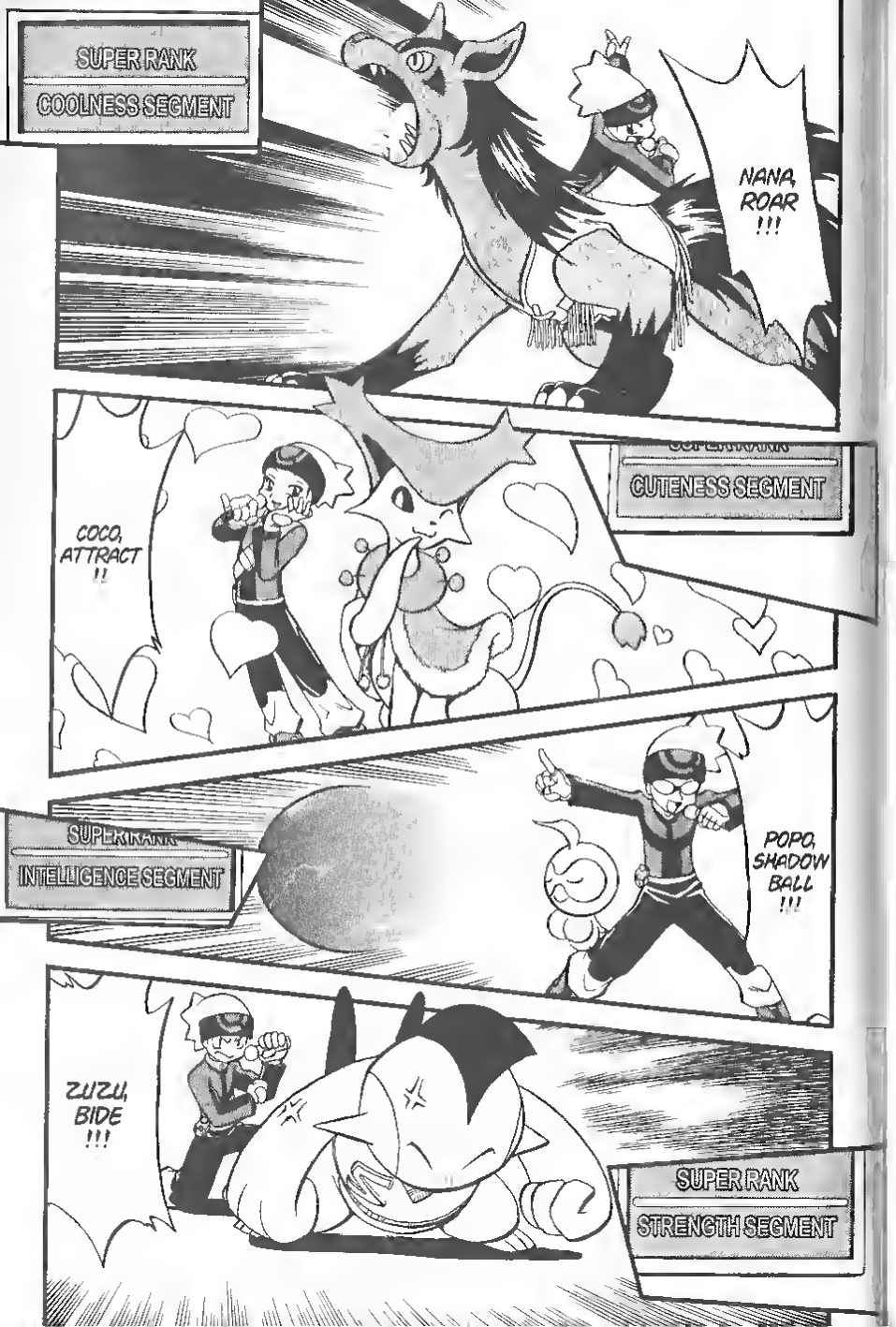
WE'VE BEEN HAVING ABNORMALLY FREQUENT EARTHQUAKES, AND THEN THERE'S THE DEATH OF THE VOLCANO...
SUCH DRASTIC CHANGES IN OUR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS MUST BE THE RESULT OF SOMETHING AFFECTING MOTHER NATURE IN THE ENTIRE HOENN REGION.

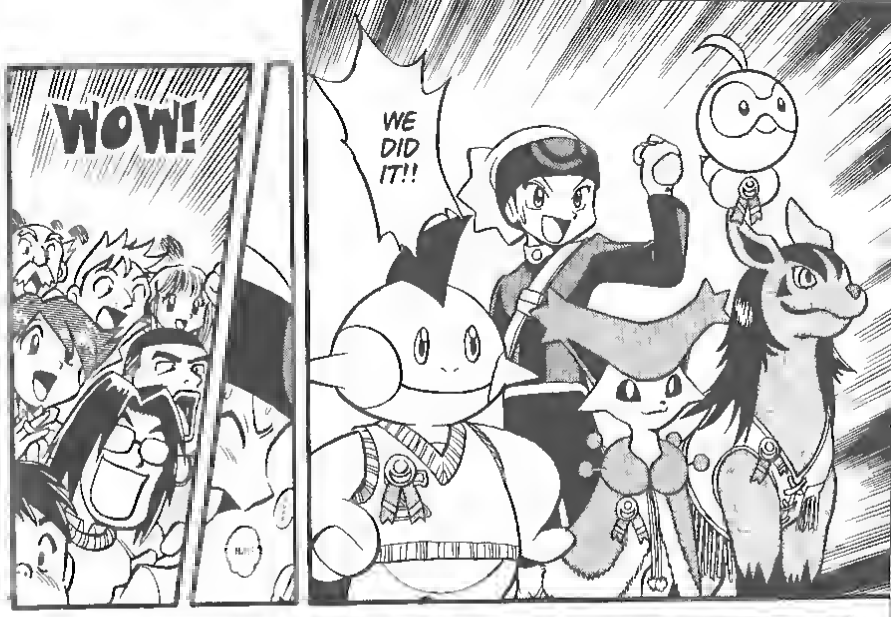

JUDGING FROM THE PREVIOUS INCIDENTS, THE TWO TEAMS DON'T SEEM TO BE MOTIVATED BY FINANCIAL PROFIT
RATHER, BOTH TEAMS SEEM TO BE PLOTTING SOMETHING MAJOR AGAINST MOTHER NATURE.
HMM... YES, THAT DOES SEEM TO BE THE CASE!!

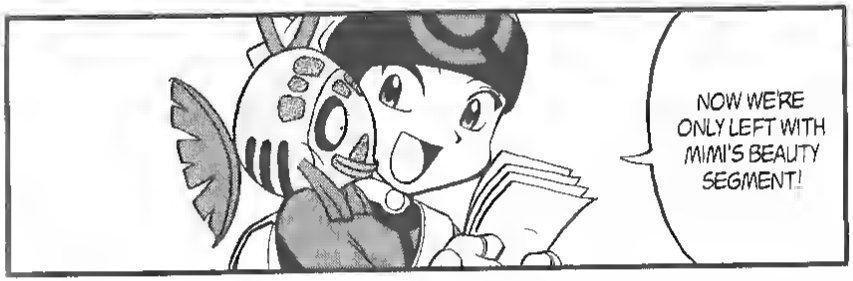
TO BE PRECISE... THE WORD "NATURE" MUST BE AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER!!

PROFESSOR STARSTONE, WHO IS AN EXPERT ON NATURE RESEARCH, LIVES HERE IN FALLABOR.
MAYBE HE'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE US SOME CLUES!


THE THOUGHT'S DEFINITELY WORTH A TRY! LET'S GO VIST HIM!!
YES, M'AM!


SUPER RANK
COOLNESS SEGMENT
NANA, ROAR !!!
CUTENESS SEGMENT
COCO, ATTRACT !!
SUPER RANK
INTELLIGENCE SEGMENT
POPO, SHADOW BALL !!!
ZUZU, BIDE !!!
SUPER RANK
STRENGTH SEGMENT


WOW!
WE DID IT!!


NOW WE'RE ONLY LEFT WITH MIMI'S BEAUTY SEGMENT!

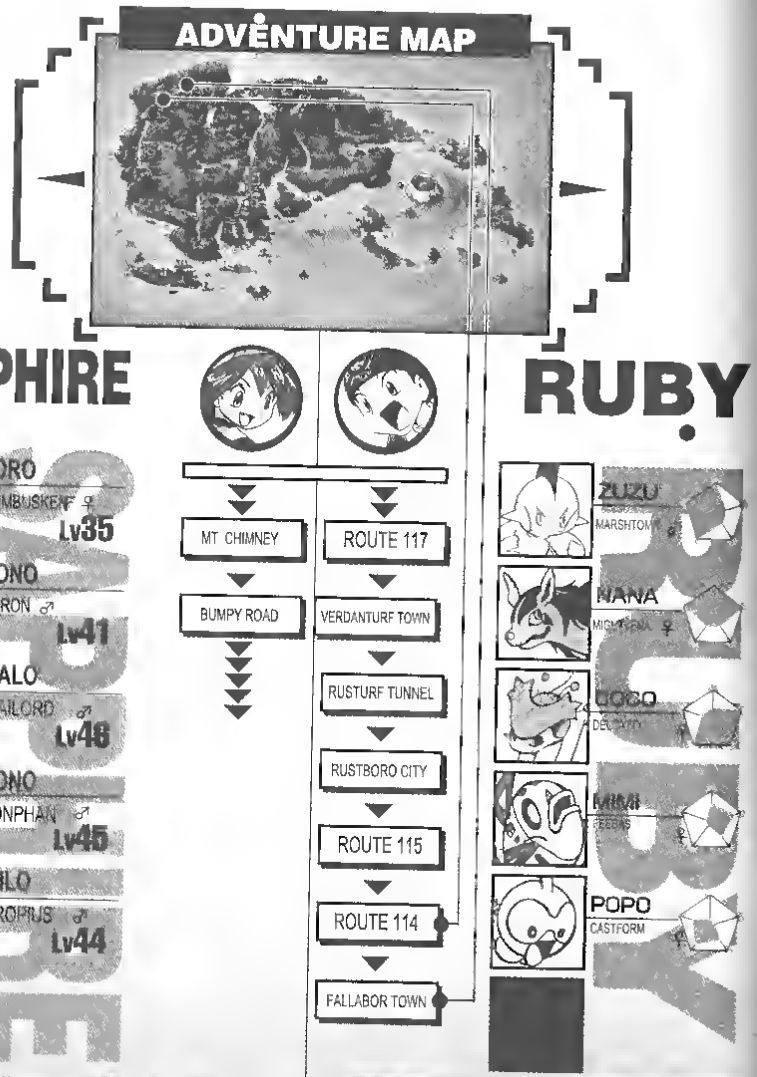
HUH?

EXCUSE ME... I THINK MY ENTRY PASS FOR THE BEAUTY SEGMENT IS MISSING...
GULP
YE-YES... REGISTRATION FOR THE BEAUTY SEGMENT ENDED BEFORE YOU ARRIVED...

THE CONTESTS ARE HELD EVERYDAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT PARTICIPATION.
WELL, I SUPPOSE WE'LL JUST HAVE TO COME AGAIN TOMORROW.

OH...
SUPER RANK
BEAUTY SEGMENT
SINCE WE CAN'T TAKE PART IN IT TODAY, WE MIGHT AS WELL SIT DOWN AND WATCH THE CONTEST.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF TRAINERS AND POKÉMON ARE TAKING PART TODAY...
WOAH!!
WHAT BREATH-TAKING BEAUTY !!
IT'S SO BLINDINGLY BEAUTIFUL THAT I CAN HARDLY KEEP MY EYES OPEN!!
APPLAUSE
A STUNNING WIN!!
SUCH BEAUTY IS BEYOND DES-CRIPTION !!

HEH HEH HEH! THAT'S RIGHT, MY POKÉMON ARE ALWAYS...
BEAUTIFUL
BEAUTIFUL
BEAUTIFUL
BEAUTIFUL
...AND...
...BEAUTIFUL !!



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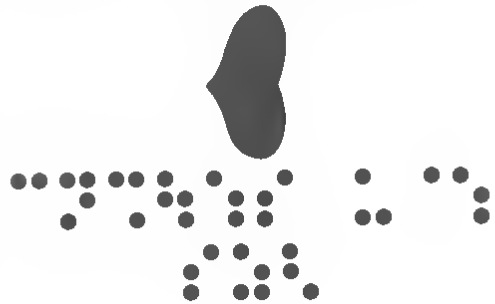

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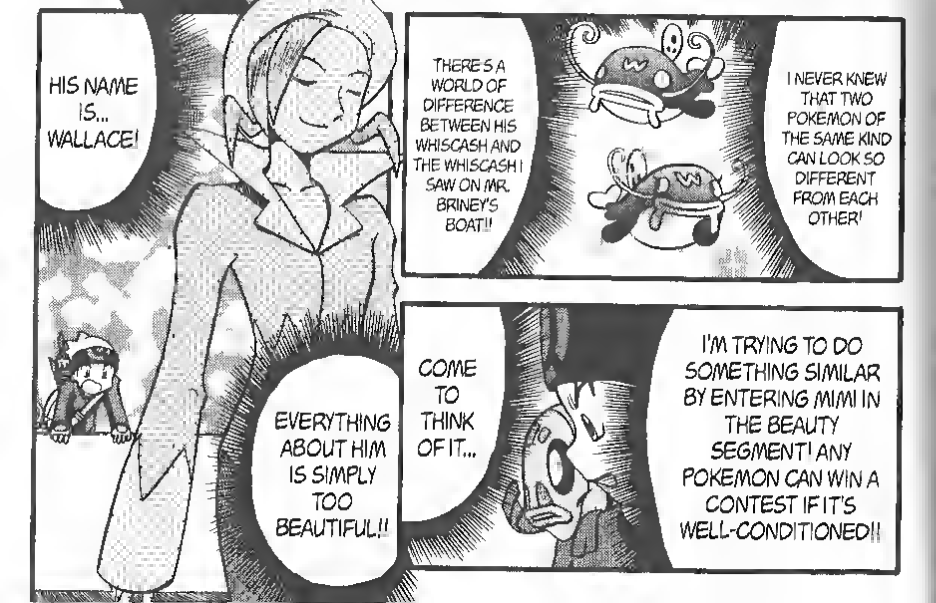
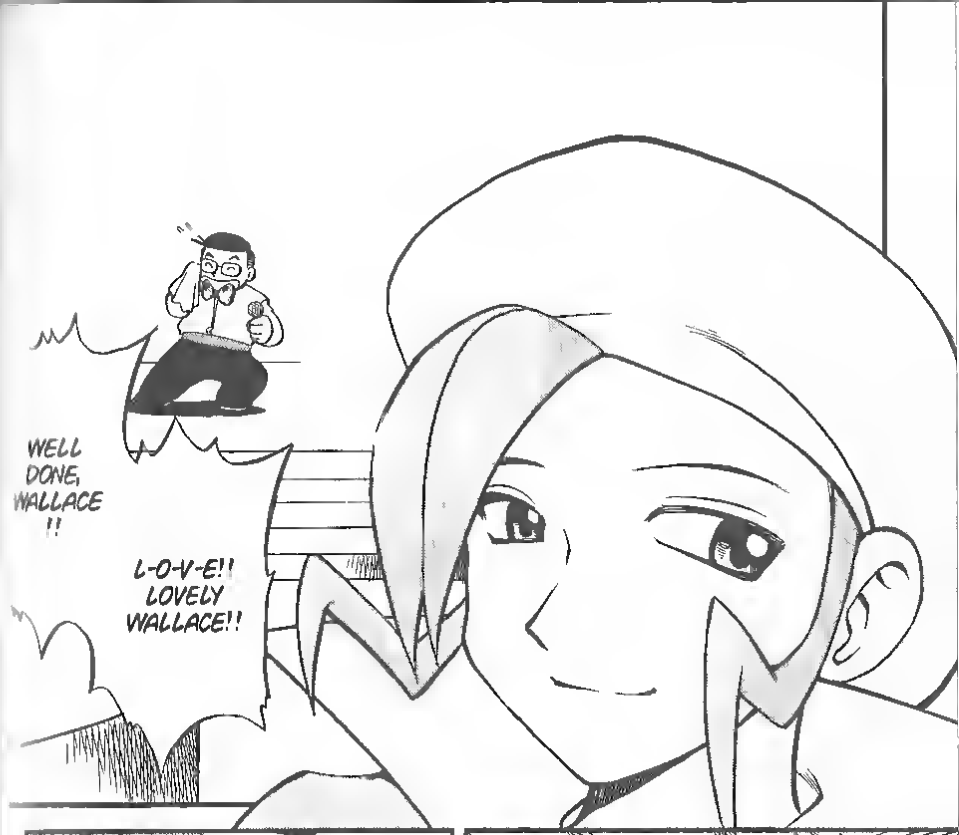
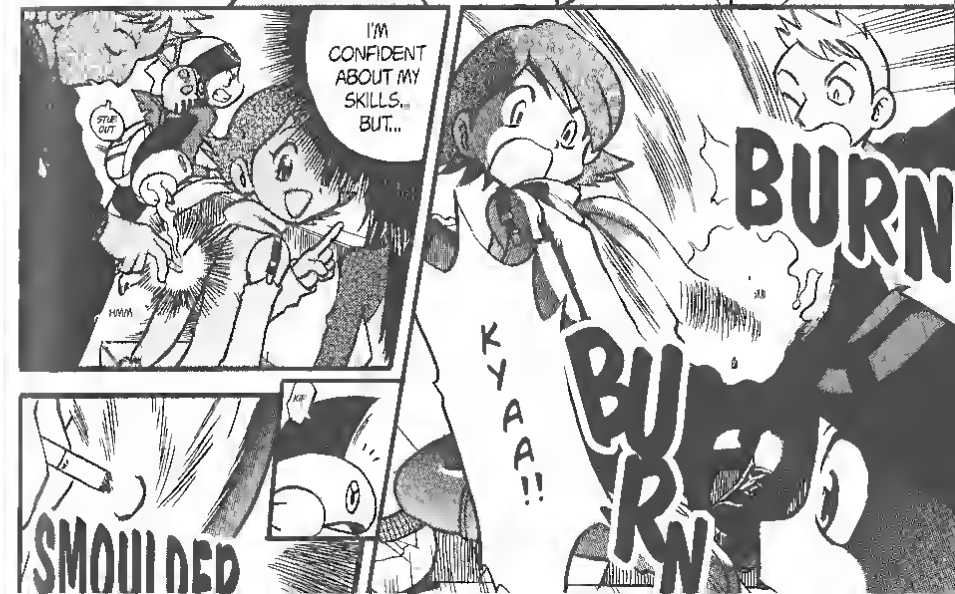
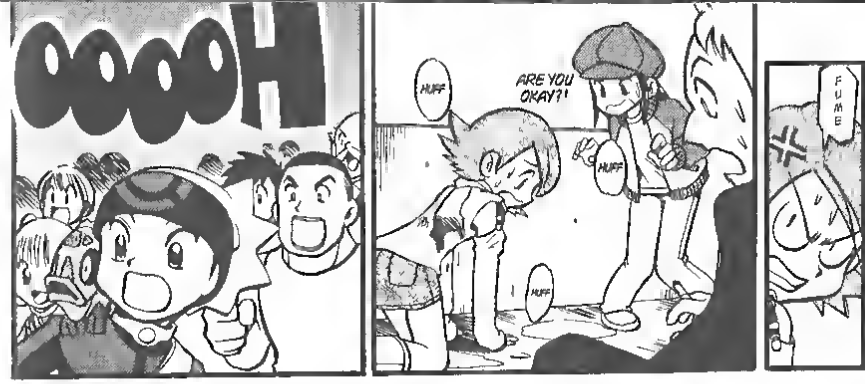
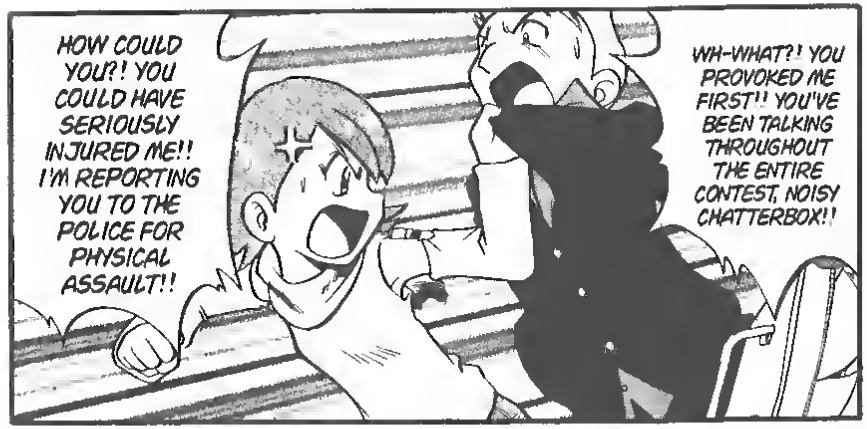

HIS NAME IS... WALLACE!
EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM IS SIMPLY TOO BEAUTIFUL!!
THERE'S A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS WHISCASH AND THE WHISCASH I SAW ON MR. BRINEY'S BOAT!!
I NEVER KNEW THAT TWO POKEMON OF THE SAME KIND CAN LOOK SO DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
I'M TRYING TO DO SOMETHING SIMILAR BY ENTERING MIMI IN THE BEAUTY SEGMENT! ANY POKEMON CAN WIN A CONTEST IF IT'S WELL-CONDITIONED!!


WELL DONE, WALLACE!!
L-O-V-E!! LOVELY WALLACE!!


I'M CONFIDENT ABOUT MY SKILLS... BUT...
STUP OUT
HMM
KYAA!!
BURN
BU
RN
SMOULDER

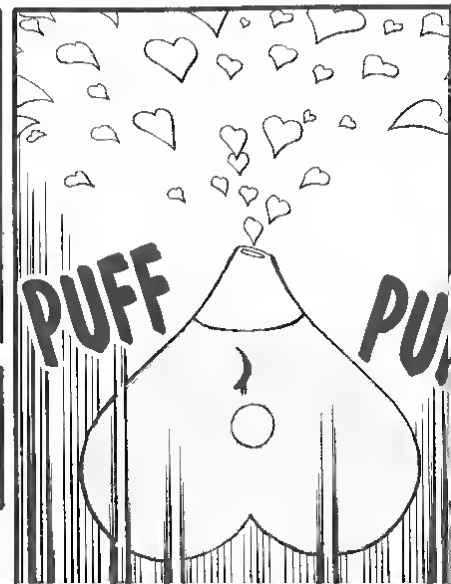
WATER...
...ILLUSION !!
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH


OOOOH
HUFF
ARE YOU OKAY?!
HUFF
HUFF
FUME


HOW COULD YOU?! YOU COULD HAVE SERIOUSLY INJURED ME!! I'M REPORTING YOU TO THE POLICE FOR PHYSICAL ASSAULT!!
WH-WHAT?! YOU PROVOKED ME FIRST!! YOU'VE BEEN TALKING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CONTEST, NOISY CHATTERBOX!!

THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FIRE!!
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT IT'S OKAY TO SET PEOPLE ON FIRE JUST BECAUSE THEY IRRITATE YOU?!

ELIZABETH

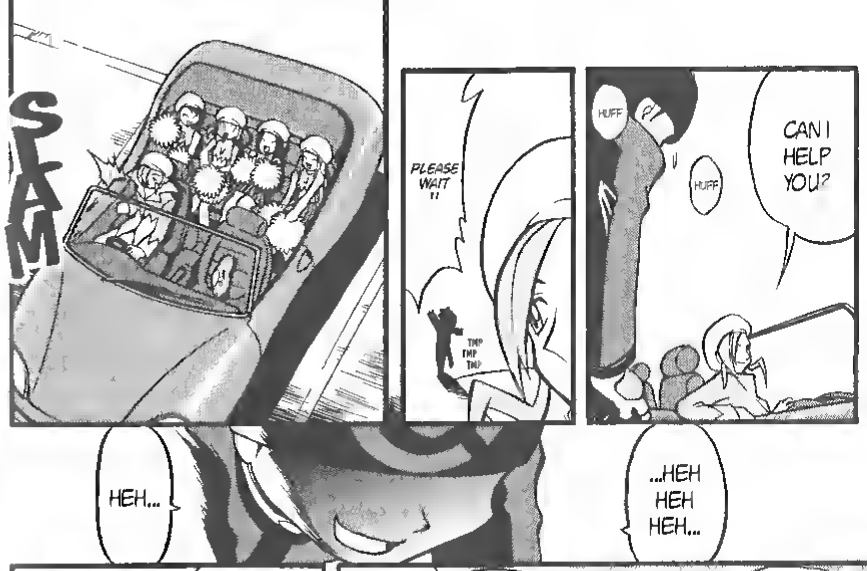

PUFF
PU

FLUTTER
FLUTTER

...
...

HUH? HEY, YOU'RE A FASHION DESIGNER?
Y-YES...
I KNOW THIS BRAND!! I'M A REGULAR CUSTOMER!!
RE REALLY?
AH!

I ALMOST FORGOT! I MUST APOLOGIZE!! I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO CARELESS!!
PLEASE LET ME COMPENSATE YOU FOR YOUR BURNT CLOTHING! WILL YOU COME DOWN TO MY BOUTIQUE AND PICK SOMETHING OFF THE RACK?
OH... OKAY!
?


SLAM
PLEASE WAIT!!
TMP TMP TMP
HUFF
HUFF
CAN I HELP YOU?
HEH...
...HEH HEH HEH...

I'M SURE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU SEE THESE.
RUSH

CONTEST RIBBONS?

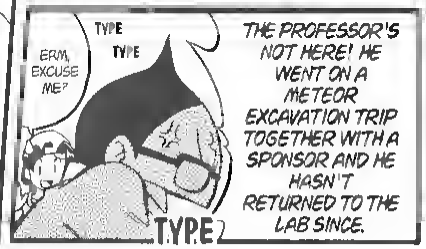
YUP! MY NAME IS RUBY!!
THE ONE WHO'LL WIN ALL THE CONTESTS IN HOENN!
IN FACT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE COMPETING AGAINST YOU IN TODAY'S BEAUTY SEGMENT!!

UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN ONLY TAKE PART IN THE SEGMENT TOMORROW, SO I MISSED MY CHANCE TO COMPETE AGAINST YOU OFFICIALLY.
WELL, WHAT A PITY!
I COULDN'T LET YOU WITNESS MY DISPLAY OF BEAUTY!
THAT'S WHY..
...I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU RIGHT HERE!!
THIS IS AN OUT-OF-CONTEST CHALLENGE !!
AND IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE SEGMENT FOR THIS CHALLENGE IS "BEAUTY" !!
LITTLE BRAT! HOW DARE YOU TALK TO MASTER WALLACE IN THAT INSOLENT MANNER ?!
HEY SOUNDS INTERESTING
BUT MASTER WALLACE, YOU HAVE NO TIME FOR SUCH THINGS RIGHT NOW... WE NEED TO...

IT'LL BE OKAY.
OPEN
WHAT'S HAPPENING ?
AN OUT-OF-CONTEST CHALLENGE ?
GOOD! HE'S ACCEPTED !!
I'LL SHOW HIM WHAT WE'RE MADE OF!!
MIMI MAY NOT BE UP TO SOME-THING LIKE THIS.
I'LL USE COCO, NANA, ZUZU AND POPO TO GIVE HIM A TASTE OF MY SKILLS!!
POOF
HERE WE ARE!
NATURAL SCIENCE
METEOR RESEARCH
STARSTONE LABORATORY

THIS IS HOENN TV!! SORRY TO DISTURB YOU IN THE MIDST OF YOUR RESEARCH!
WE'RE HERE TO INTERVIEW PROFESSOR STARSTONE...

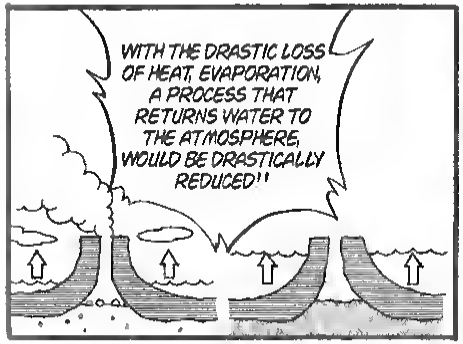
HEY! IS THE DATA READY ON YOUR SIDE?!
ERM... WELL, THE DATA IS...
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF PRINTING IT RIGHT NOW!
...

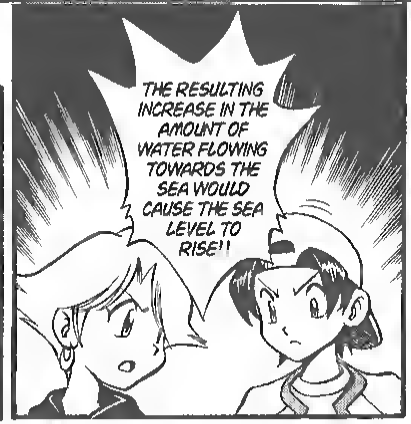

ERM, EXCUSE ME?
TYPE
TYPE
THE PROFESSOR'S NOT HERE! HE WENT ON A METEOR EXCAVATION TRIP TOGETHER WITH A SPONSOR AND HE HASN'T RETURNED TO THE LAB SINCE.
TYPE

IT'S BEEN SEVERAL DAYS...
IN THE MEANTIME, MT. CHIMNEY HAS MYSTERIOUSLY CEASED ALL VOLCANIC ACTIVITY...
...AND THE SEA LEVEL IS RISING AS A RESULT.

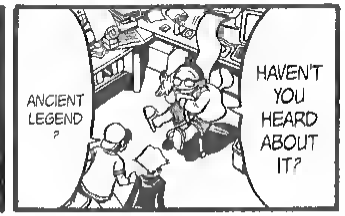
DID YOU SAY THE SEA LEVEL...?!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS TO YOU?!

IF MT. CHIMNEY'S VOLCANIC ACTIVITY CEASED ALL OF A SUDDEN...
...THERE WOULD BE A CORRESPONDING DROP IN THE TEMPERATURE OF THE ENTIRE AREA!!


WITH THE DRASTIC LOSS OF HEAT, EVAPORATION, A PROCESS THAT RETURNS WATER TO THE ATMOSPHERE, WOULD BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED!!

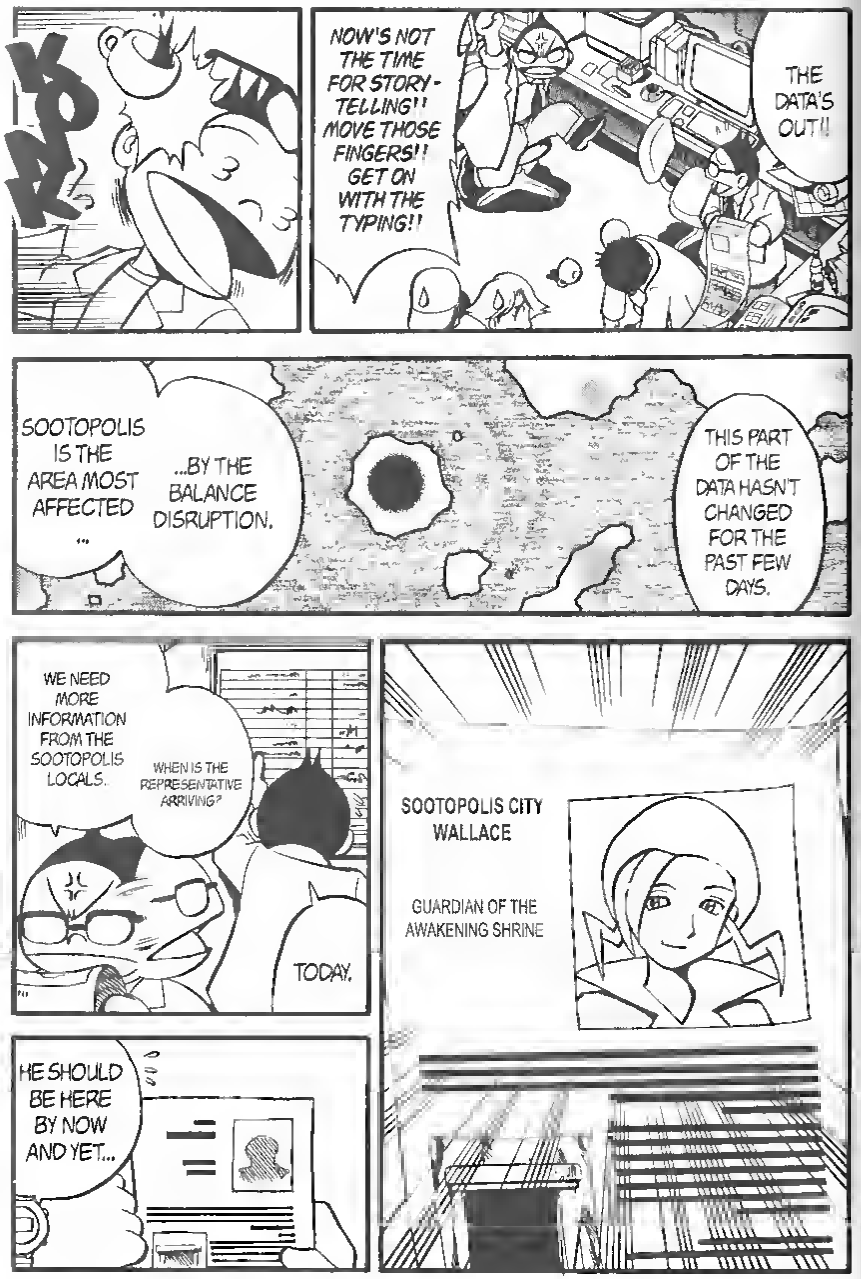

THE RESULTING INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF WATER FLOWING TOWARDS THE SEA WOULD CAUSE THE SEA LEVEL TO RISE!!

THE ENERGY BALANCE IS CRUMBLING.
IT'S LIKE A REPLAY OF THE ANCIENT LEGEND... HEH HEH.


ANCIENT LEGEND ?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT IT?

LEGEND SAYS THAT THERE ARE TWO ANCIENT POKÉMON IN HOENN. ONE IS OF THE LAND AND ONE IS OF THE SEA...
SINCE THEIR POWER IS ON PAR WITH EACH OTHER, THE NATURAL ENERGY IN HOENN HAS BEEN KEPT BALANCED SO FAR... OR SO IT SEEMS...

ONLY ONCE HAS THE BALANCE BEEN DISTURBED, AND THAT DISTURBANCE CAUSED A MASSIVE WAR OF DESTRUCTION!


KAO
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR STORY-TELLING!! MOVE THOSE FINGERS!! GET ON WITH THE TYPING!!
THE DATA'S OUT!!
SOOTOPOLIS IS THE AREA MOST AFFECTED ...
...BY THE BALANCE DISRUPTION.
THIS PART OF THE DATA HASN'T CHANGED FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS.
WE NEED MORE INFORMATION FROM THE SOOTOPOLIS LOCALS.
WHEN IS THE REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVING?
TODAY.
SOOTOPOLIS CITY
WALLACE
GUARDIAN OF THE AWAKENING SHRINE
HE SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW AND YET...

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
IT'S CLEAR ...
...WHO'S THE WINNER.
WOW
WOW
WOW
WOW

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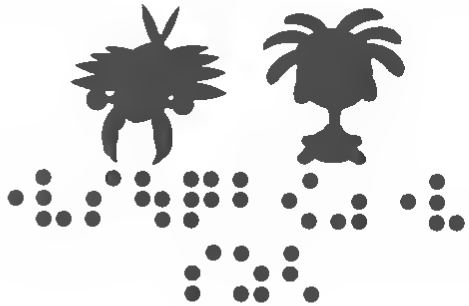

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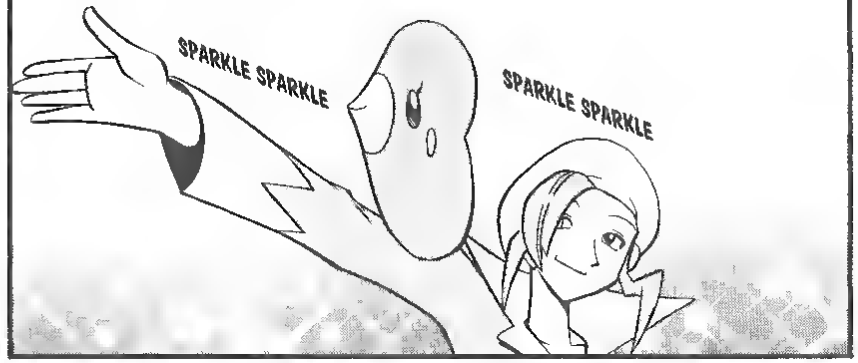
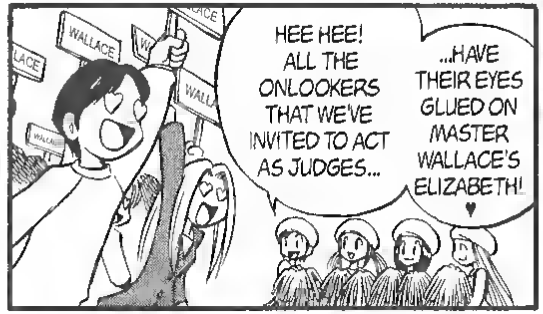
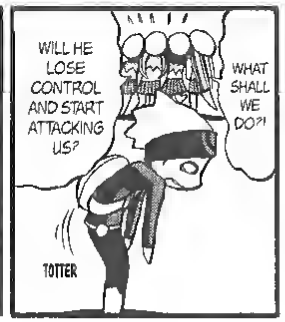
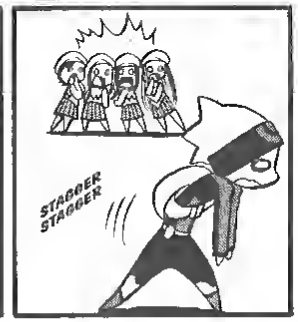




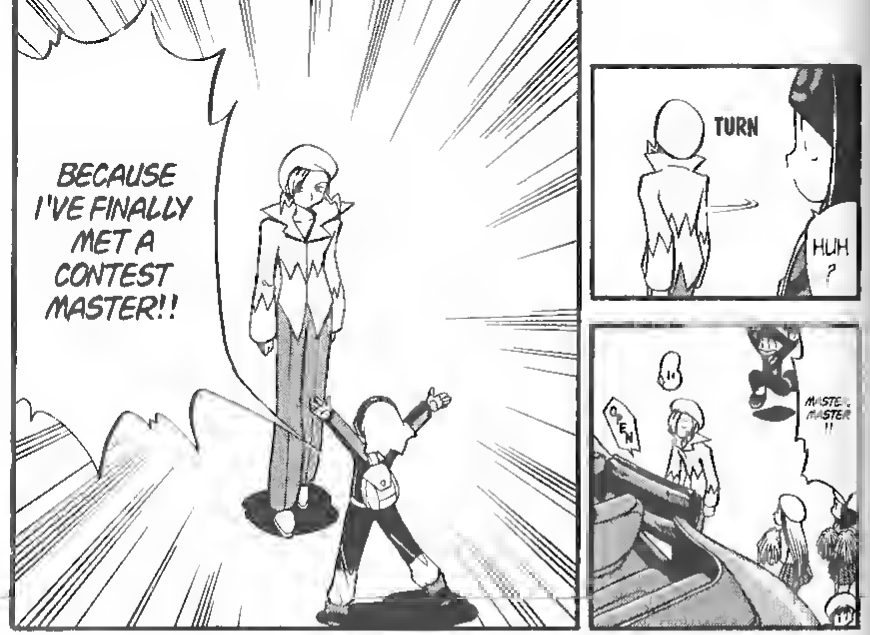
DID HE SAY HIS NAME IS RUBY?
HIS POKÉMON'S CONDITION AND APPEAL SKILLS ARE RATHER GOOD.
BUT HE'S STILL NO MATCH FOR A WATER EXPERT LIKE MASTER WALLACE.
STOP BLABBERING!





AH...
TWITCH TWITCH
AHH..
MASTER WALLACE !!
WATCH OUT !!
PLEASE BE MY INSTRUCTOR !!!
TAKE ME WITH YOU AS YOUR DISCIPLE!!
GRAB
HUH?!

WITNESSING YOUR APPEAL UP CLOSE HAS CAPTURED EVEN THIS CHALLENGER'S HEART!!
I'M SO TOUCHED !!
YOUR LUVDISC'S RAINDANCE ROSE AND PAINTED THE SKIES WITH SUCH GRACE!!
ALL ONLOOKERS WERE TRANSPORTED TO REALMS OF ECSTACY!!
AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU ADDED YET ANOTHER WATER PULSE!!
AHH... WHAT A WONDERFUL COMBINATION !!
AFTER SEEING YOUR EXQUISITE SWEET KISS TECHNIQUE, MY POKÉMON STARTED TO GET NERVOUS...
GLOOM
HEH HEH... YOUR VICTORY WAS PERFECT
ALTHOUGH I LOST, I FEEL INCREDIBLY REFRESHED !!
WHY?
WIPE

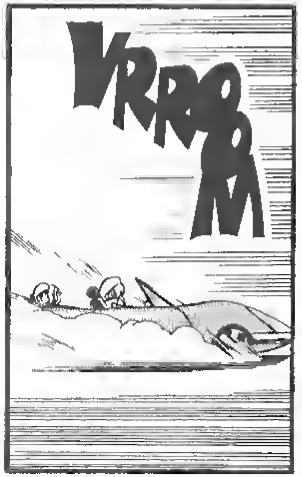

BECAUSE I'VE FINALLY MET A CONTEST MASTER!!

TURN
HUH ?

OOH
MASTER! MASTER!!

SORRY BUT I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE IN ANY DISCIPLES.
YOU WILL HAVE TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS YOURSELF!

VROOM
MASTER!!

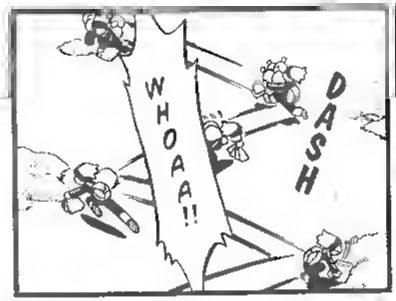

VRRROOM

SPRINT
I WON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY!!
KYAA !!

HEY!! STOP FOLLOWING US!!
I WON'T EVER GIVE UP!
MASTER WALLACE HAS ALREADY REJECTED YOUR REQUEST!!

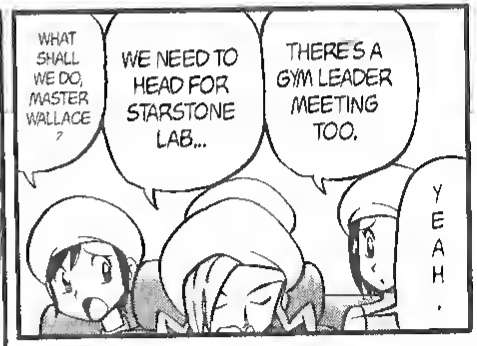
HUH, WHAT'S THIS?
AN ASH BAG!! WE USED IT TO COLLECT VOLCANIC ASH!! NOW, GO AWAY!!
GIVE IT BACK!

GREAT! I'LL HELP YOU WITH THIS TASK!!
MASTER!!


WHOAA!!
DASH

DONE!
NOW WHERE DO I TAKE THIS STUFF?!
NORMALLY WE DEPOSIT THEM AT A GLASS WORKSHOP ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN... ARE YOU GONNA CARRY EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF?
OF COURSE!

TMPTMP
HYAAAAH!!
...

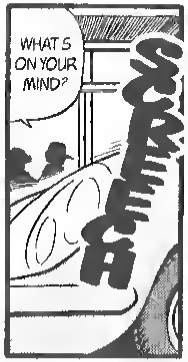

WHAT SHALL WE DO, MASTER WALLACE?
WE NEED TO HEAD FOR STARSTONE LAB...
THERE'S A GYM LEADER MEETING TOO.
YEAH.

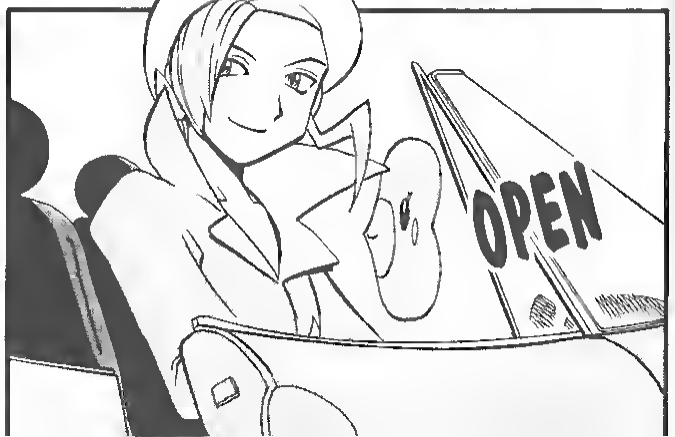
ANYWAY, LET'S JUST PROCEED AS PLANNED.

STARSTONE LABORATORY
ANCIENT LEGEND...
...
YOU SAID IT ALL TOOK PLACE A LONG TIME AGO... ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT JUST A MYTH?

LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN A WASTED TRIP. WE'VE NOT MANAGED TO GET ANY USEFUL INFORMATION FROM THEM AT ALL.
SHALL WE LEAVE, MARYANN?
TYPE
MARYANN ?

MARYANN!!
AH! AHH... YES? OH, SORRY, TYLER! I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING...


WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
SCREECH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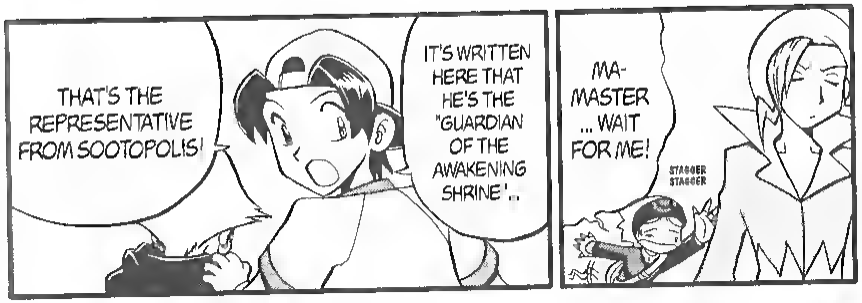
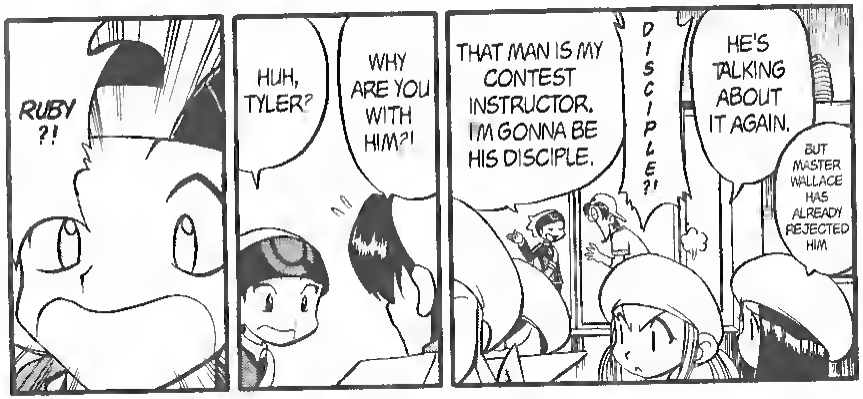
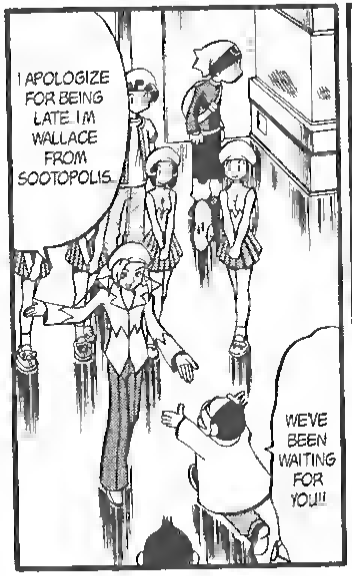
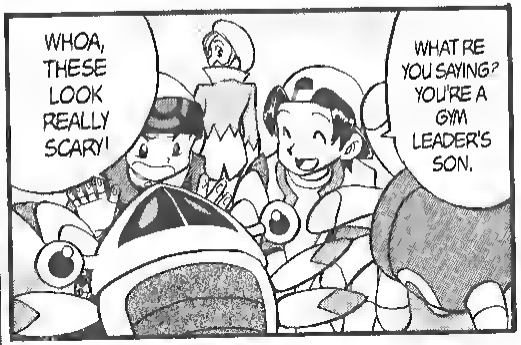
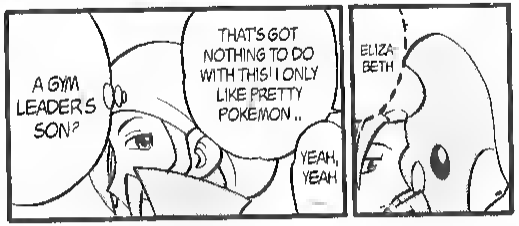
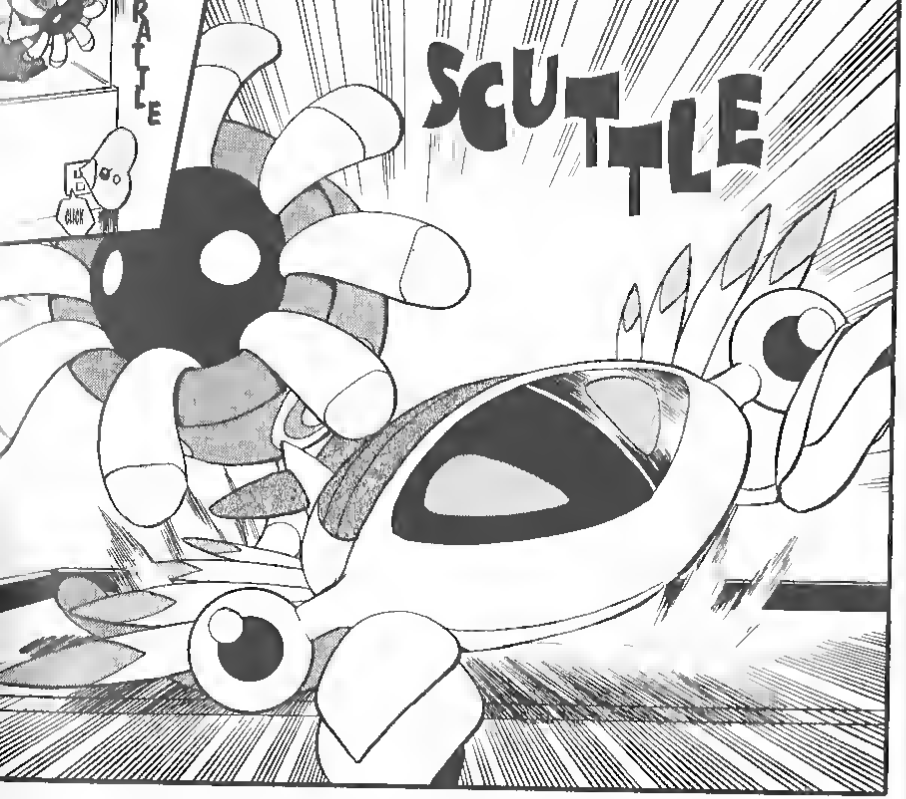

THAT'S THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOOTOPOLIS!
IT'S WRITTEN HERE THAT HE'S THE "GUARDIAN OF THE AWAKENING SHRINE"...
MA-MASTER ... WAIT FOR ME!
STAGGER STAGGER

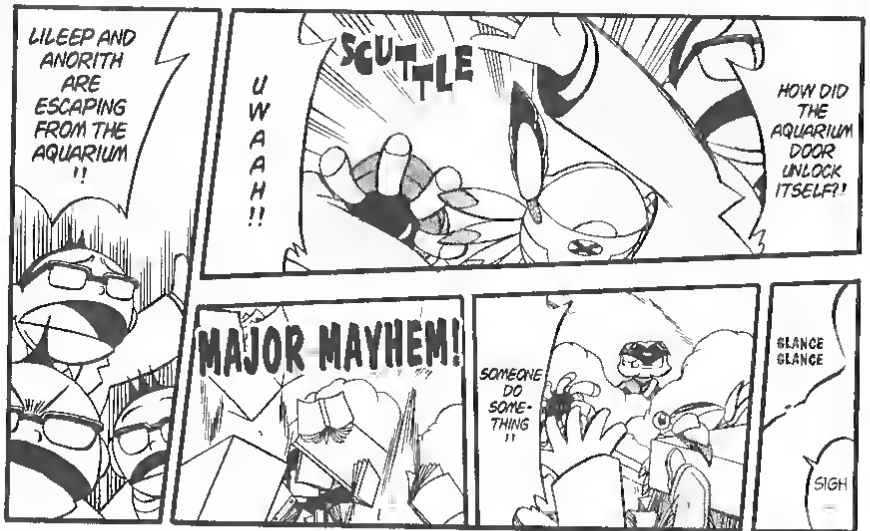

RUBY ?!
HUH, TYLER?
WHY ARE YOU WITH HIM?!
THAT MAN IS MY CONTEST INSTRUCTOR. I'M GONNA BE HIS DISCIPLE.
DISCIPLE?!
HE'S TALKING ABOUT IT AGAIN.
BUT MASTER WALLACE HAS ALREADY REJECTED HIM


I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I'M WALLACE FROM SOOTOPOLIS.
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!!

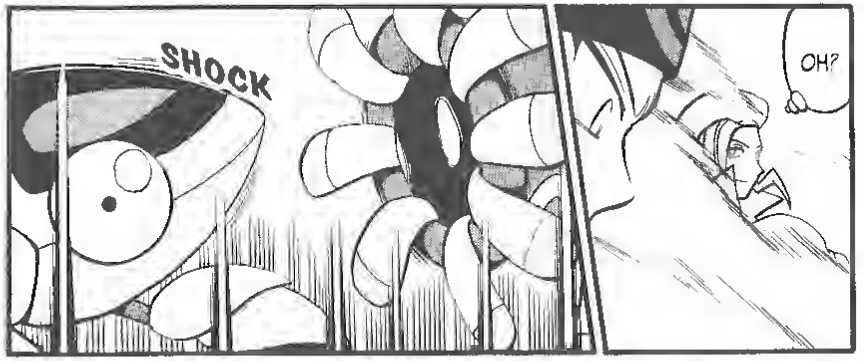

WHOA, THESE LOOK REALLY SCARY!
WHAT RE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE A GYM LEADER'S SON.


A GYM LEADER'S SON?
THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS! I ONLY LIKE PRETTY POKEMON..
YEAH, YEAH
ELIZABETH


RATTLE
CLICK
SCUTTLE

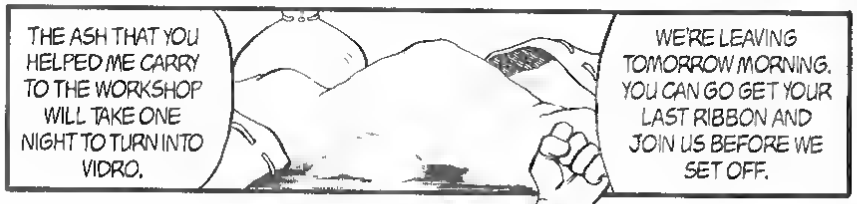

LILEEP AND ANORITH ARE ESCAPING FROM THE AQUARIUM!!
UWAAH!!
SCUTTLE
HOW DID THE AQUARIUM DOOR UNLOCK ITSELF?!
MAJOR MAYHEM!
SOMEONE DO SOME-THING!!
GLANCE GLANCE
SIGH

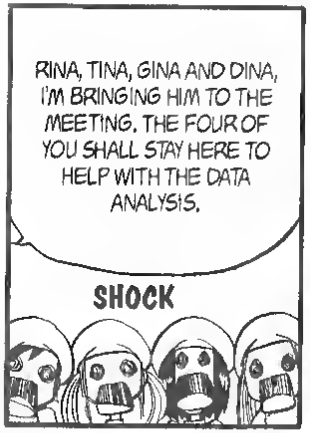
CLICK

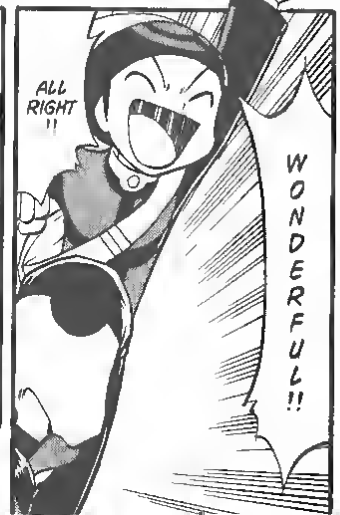

SHOCK
OH?

HEY, TYLER! THEY SEEM TO HAVE CALMED DOWN!
MAYBE THEY'RE EXHAUSTED FROM THAT LITTLE MAD SCRAMBLE FOR FREEDOM
THERE YOU GO!
TOSS TOSS
I'VE CHANGED MY MIND.

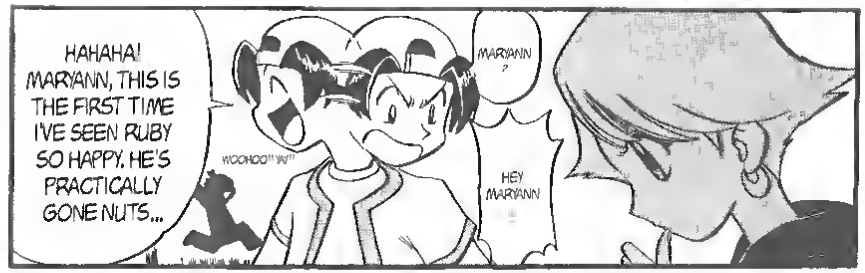
YOU CAN COME WITH ME IF YOU WANT TO.
BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT I SHOULD TEACH YOU AT THIS POINT IN TIME.


THE ASH THAT YOU HELPED ME CARRY TO THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE ONE NIGHT TO TURN INTO VIDRO.
WE'RE LEAVING TOMORROW MORNING. YOU CAN GO GET YOUR LAST RIBBON AND JOIN US BEFORE WE SET OFF.

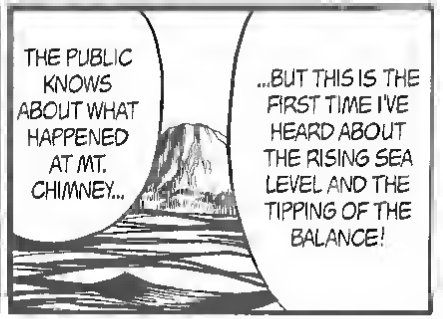

RINA, TINA, GINA AND DINA, I'M BRINGING HIM TO THE MEETING. THE FOUR OF YOU SHALL STAY HERE TO HELP WITH THE DATA ANALYSIS.
SHOCK


ALL RIGHT !!
WONDERFUL!!

MASTER WALLACE... SNIFF... ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO LEAVE US HERE AND BRING THAT BOY WITH YOU...?
NOOO!!


HAHAHA! MARYANN, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN RUBY SO HAPPY. HE'S PRACTICALLY GONE NUTS...
WOOHOO!! YA!!
MARYANN ?
HEY MARYANN

MARYANN, WHAT'S WRONG?! YOU'VE BEEN IN A DAZE EVER SINCE WE STEPPED INTO THIS PLACE!
EXCUSE ME! JUST ONE LAST QUESTION, PLEASE ...

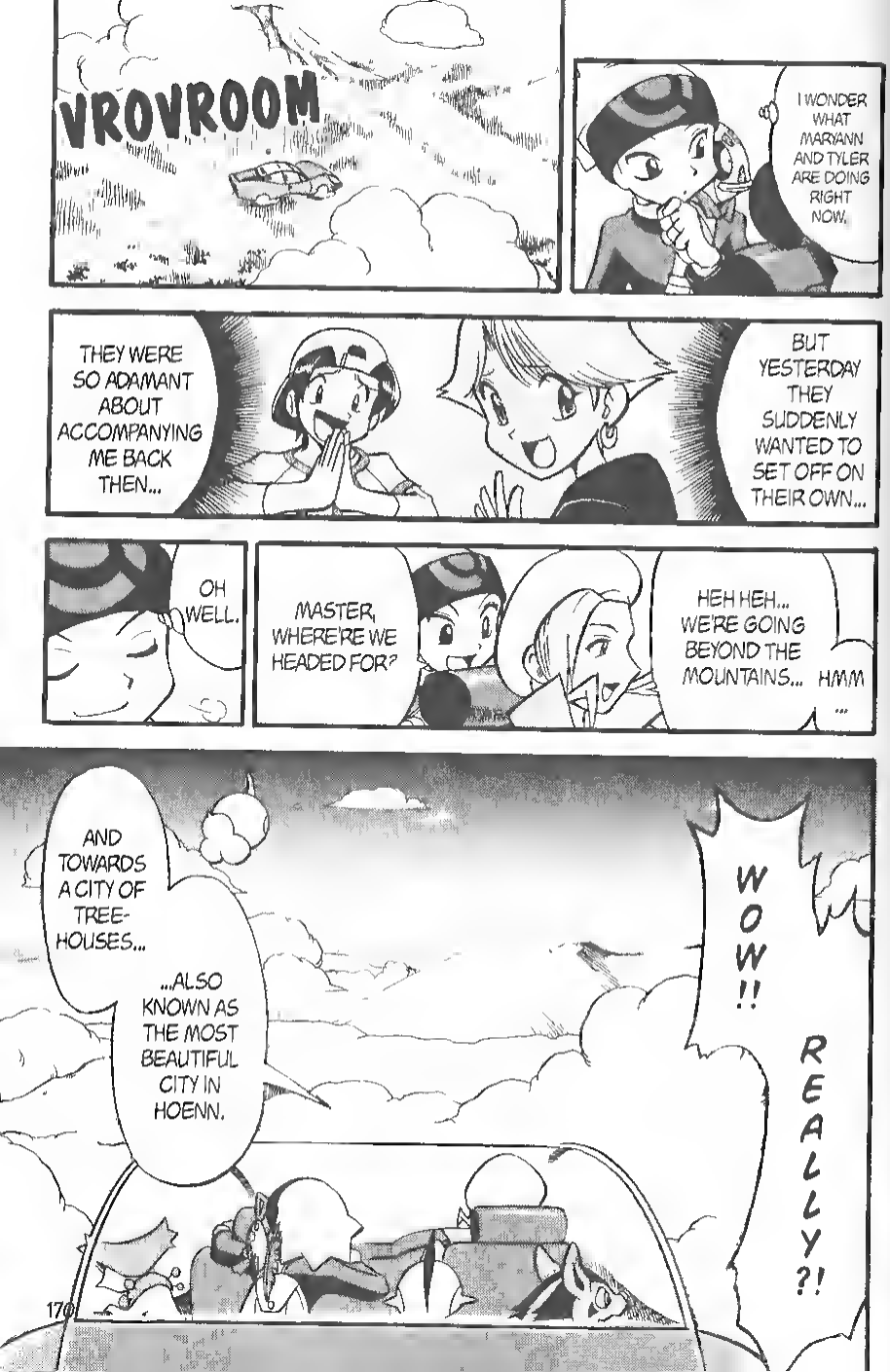

THE PUBLIC KNOWS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT MT. CHIMNEY...
...BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE RISING SEA LEVEL AND THE TIPPING OF THE BALANCE!

THERE HASN'T EVEN BEEN A SINGLE DOCUMENTATION ON THE PHENOMENON !
THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR THIS! WHAT IS IT?!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THE MEDIA PEOPLE WERE THE ONES WHO WITHHELD THE INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC!!
WE, ON THE OTHER HAND, WANTED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THESE POTENTIALLY CATASTROPHIC CHANGES!!
!!!

RIIING
TOP NEWS STUDIO
CALLER
TOP NEWS STUDIO
REPORTER, MARYANN
RIIING
YES?
TOP NEWS REPORTER, MARYANN SPEAKING!!
MAY I SPEAK WITH THE DIRECTOR?!
AH, MARYANN.
HOW GOES THE INTERVIEWS?
WELL, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK YOU ABOUT SOME INFORMATION I GATHERED.
DIRECTOR, THE TRUTH BEHIND THE DEATH OF MT. CHIMNEY...
OH... YOU MEAN THE BROADCAST RESTRICTION?
IT WAS AN INTERNAL DECISION.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CAUSE MASS HYSTERIA WITH SUCH A TALL TALE.
TOP NEWS
ANYWAY, YOUR TASK IS TO FOCUS ONLY ON THE TEAM DRESSED IN RED CAPES.
IN OTHER WORDS, THE ONES WHO APPEARED IN SLATEPORT AND RUSTURF TUNNEL.
JUST CARRY ON INVESTIGATING THEM
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

THE NEXT MORNING...
MASTER!!
LOOK! THIS IS THE RIBBON FOR THE SUPER RANK BEAUTY SEGMENT!!
I WON!!
GOOD. LET'S GET GOING.
VRRR
WHOA!!
BLAST
WHOOSH


VROVROOM
I WONDER WHAT MARYANN AND TYLER ARE DOING RIGHT NOW.
THEY WERE SO ADAMANT ABOUT ACCOMPANYING ME BACK THEN...
BUT YESTERDAY THEY SUDDENLY WANTED TO SET OFF ON THEIR OWN...
OH WELL.
MASTER, WHERE'RE WE HEADED FOR?
HEH HEH... WE'RE GOING BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS...
HMM...
AND TOWARDS A CITY OF TREE-HOUSES...
...ALSO KNOWN AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN HOENN.
WOW!!
REALLY?!

WHOOSH
WHAT'S THAT?
!!
BAR
MASTER !!
HMM.
THERE'S SOMETHING UNDERNEATH THE CLOUDS, AND IT'S FOLLOWING US.

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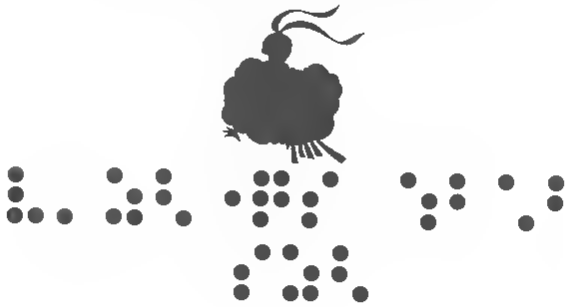
VS ALTARIA



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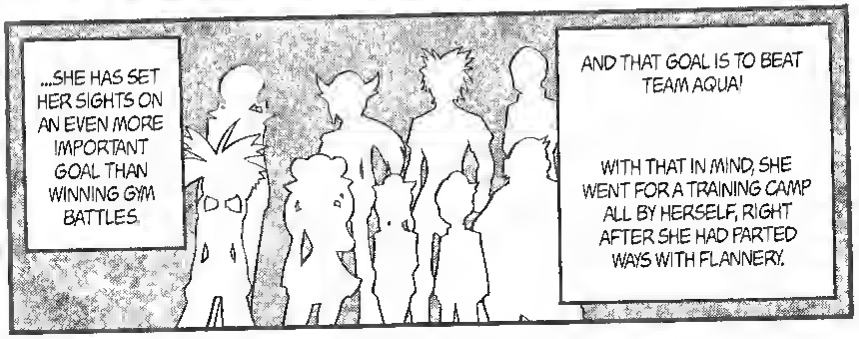
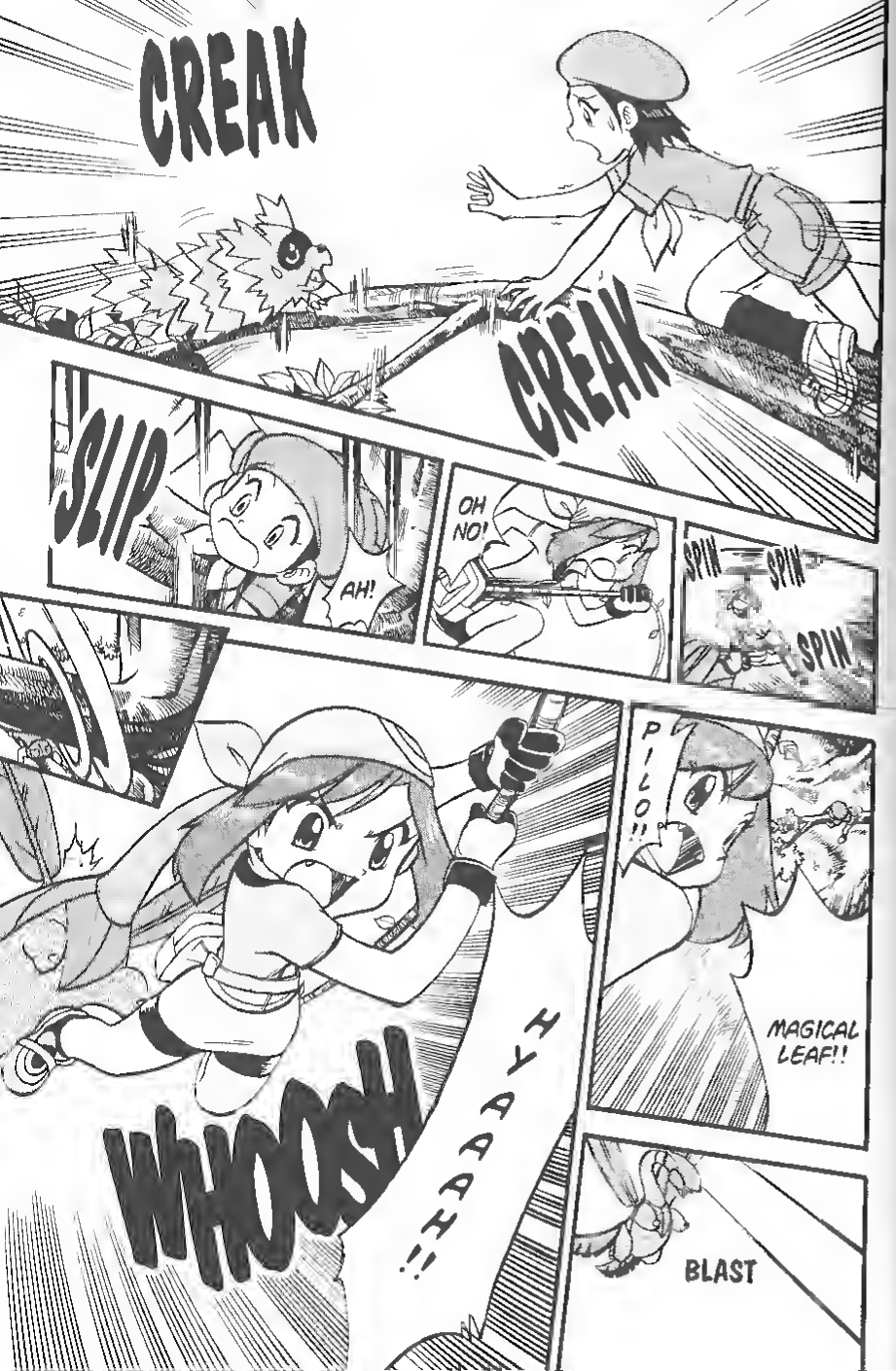
The Fourth Chapter


...SHE HAS SET HER SIGHTS ON AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT GOAL THAN WINNING GYM BATTLES.
AND THAT GOAL IS TO BEAT TEAM AQUA!
WITH THAT IN MIND, SHE WENT FOR A TRAINING CAMP ALL BY HERSELF, RIGHT AFTER SHE HAD PARTED WAYS WITH FLANNERY.

I'VE GOTTA GET STRONGER AND STRONGER!!
I MUST!!
...THE PLACE WHERE ALL THE LEADERS ARE GATHERING FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING...
THE CITY OF TREE HOUSES

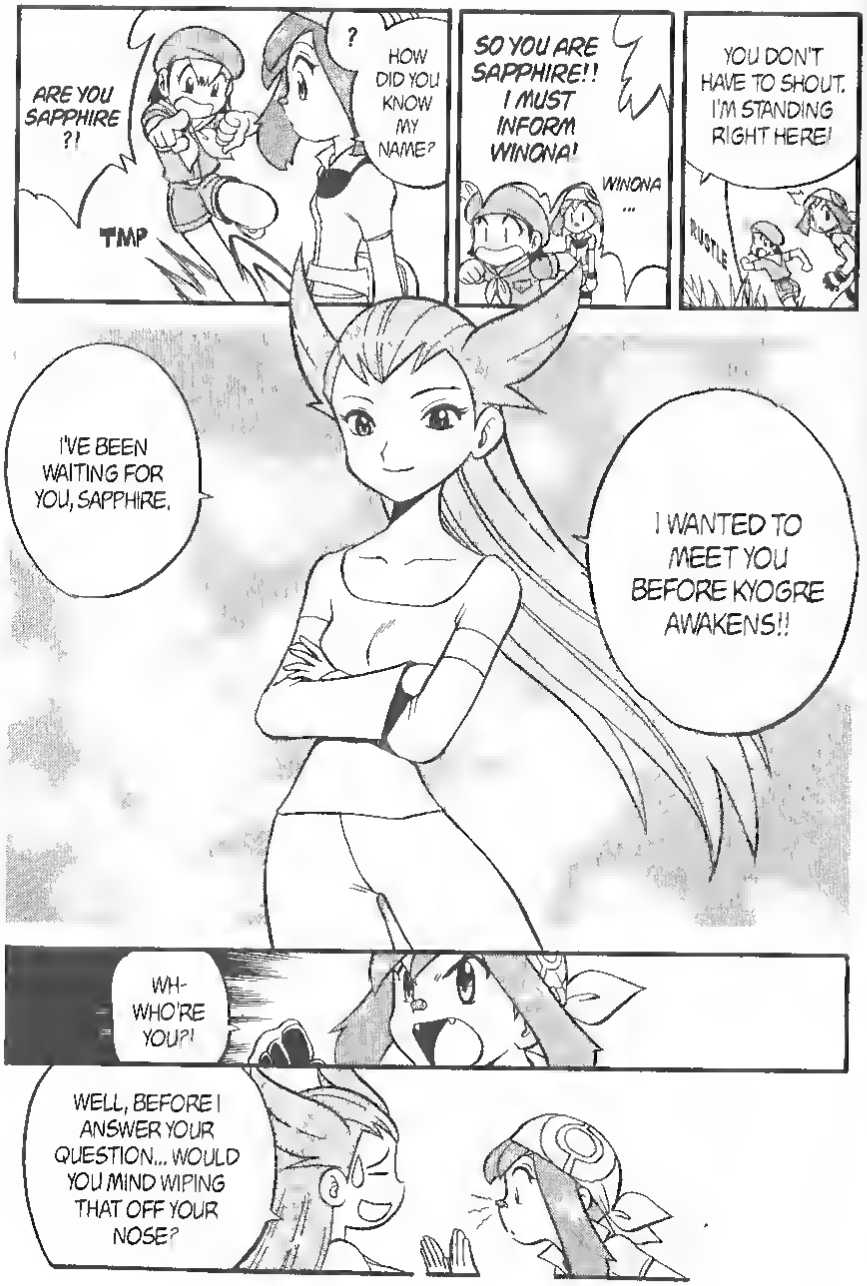
FORTREE CITY!!
RUSTBORO CITY
ROXANNE
DEWFORD TOWN
BRAWLY
MAUVILLE CITY
WATTSON
LAVARIDGE TOWN
FLANNERY
FORTREE CITY
WINONA
MOSSDEEP
TATE AND LIZA
SOOTOPOLIS CITY
WALLACE
PETALBURG CITY
NORMAN
THE TREE-HOUSES ARE LINED SIDE BY SIDE.
THIS MUST BE FORTREE CITY.
HUH?
!!


CREAK
CREAK
SLIP
AH!
OH NO!
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
PILO!!
MAGICAL LEAF!!
WHOOSH
BLAST

CRACK
THUMP

WHOA... THAT WAS REALLY CLOSE! ARE YOU OKAY?
THANKS SO MUCH, BIG SIS!
BUT WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON THAT BRANCH?
WHAT A DANGEROUS THING TO DO!
I...
WELL... NO MATTER HOW HIGH ZIGZAG MANAGES TO CLIMB, IT USUALLY COMES DOWN TO GREET ME.
BUT TODAY IT WAS SHIVERING AND LOOKED AS THOUGH IT COULDN'T MOVE AT ALL...
I WANTED TO BRING IT DOWN BUT ONCE I CLIMBED UP THE TREE, I COULDN'T GET BACK DOWN MYSELF.
YOU'VE FALLEN ILL! I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG!
HANG ON, ZIGZAG! I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE POKÉMON CENTER RIGHT NOW!
CENTER? WHAT'S THAT?
COUGH
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT A POKÉMON CENTER IS?!
IT'S A PLACE WHERE POKÉMON GET TREATMENT FOR THEIR INJURIES AND ILLNESSES!!
AHH, I SEE!
SORRY FOR BEING SO IGNORANT. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO SUCH A PLACE BEFORE.
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...
FWOP

...IT'D BE FASTER FOR ME TO TREAT IT.
SNIFF SNIFF
!!
WHA- WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
HUH? I'M CHECKIN' ITS SMELL.
THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO CHECK A POKÉMON'S HEALTH.
AH! I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG! DON'T WORRY, IT'S JUST THE FLU!
I COLLECTED PLENTY OF BERRIES ON MY WAY HERE.
THERE'S CHERI, CHESTO, PEACHA, RAWST, ASPEAR, LEPPA, ORAN, PERSIM, SITRUS...
PLOP
PLOP
UHM . THE BERRY I NEED TO TREAT ZIGZAGOON'S FLU IS...
HERE, HAVE A BITE.
MUNCH MUNCH
TADAH!
THAT'S AMAZING! ZIGZAG'S STOPPED TREMBLING!
I'VE NEVER MET A TRAINER LIKE YOU...
AH!


ARE YOU SAPPHIRE?!
TMP
?
HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?
SO YOU ARE SAPPHIRE!! I MUST INFORM WINONA!
WINONA...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOUT. I'M STANDING RIGHT HERE!
RUSTLE
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, SAPPHIRE.
I WANTED TO MEET YOU BEFORE KYOGRE AWAKENS!!
WH-WHO'RE YOU?!
WELL, BEFORE I ANSWER YOUR QUESTION... WOULD YOU MIND WIPING THAT OFF YOUR NOSE?

MY NAME IS WINONA.
I'M THE GYM LEADER OF FORTREE CITY.
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU. I KNEW YOU'D COME.
THAT'S WHY I TOLD THE RESIDENTS TO INFORM ME ONCE THEY SEE ANY TRAINER WHO LOOKS LIKE YOU.

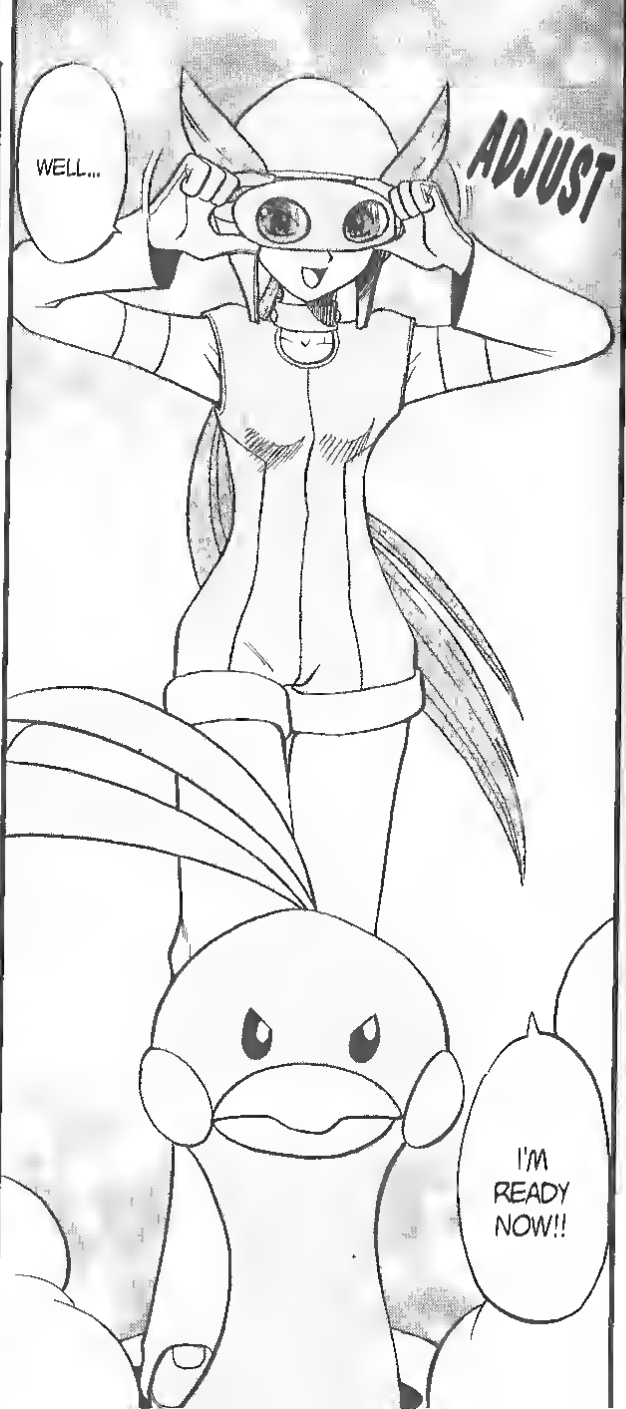
GULP
A GYM LEADER!!
YOU DO LOOK ALL GEARED UP FOR BATTLE. PERFECT
HEH!
WHOOSH
!!
ALTARIA!!
FLAP

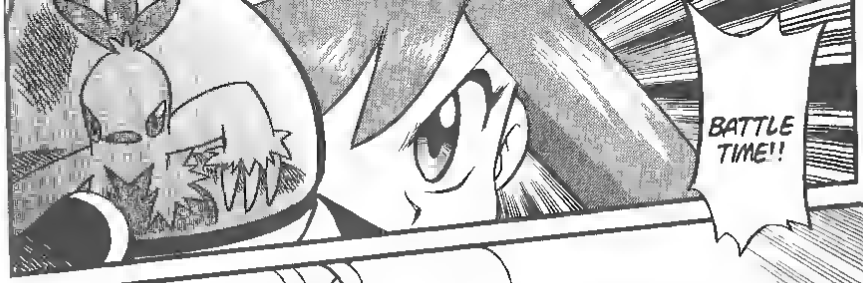
WHY DON'T WE HAVE A BATTLE BEFORE WE GO INTO THE DETAILS?
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.

OF COURSE, IF YOU DEFEAT ME, YOU'LL RECEIVE THE FEATHER BADGE!

BRING IT ON!

MIKIKO! BRING ME MY FLIGHT SUIT!!
YE-YES!

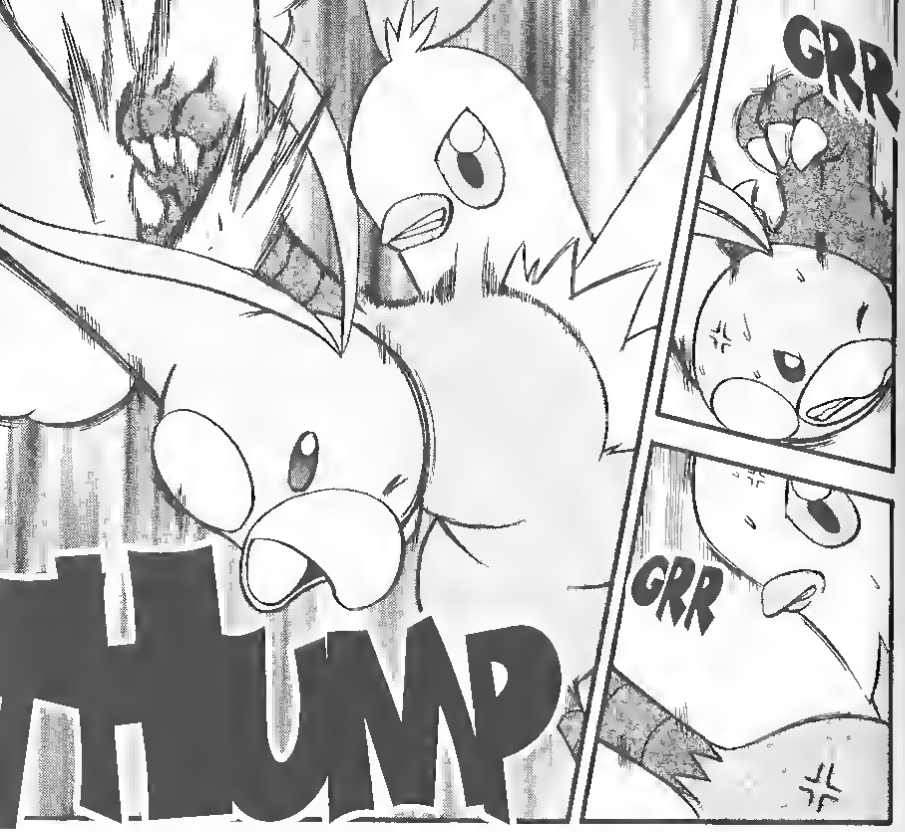

WELL...
ADJUST
I'M READY NOW!!

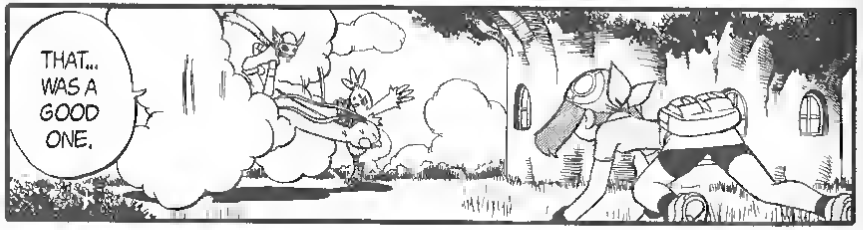

BATTLE TIME!!

WHOOSH
BAM
BAM
WHACK
WHOOS
WHOOS

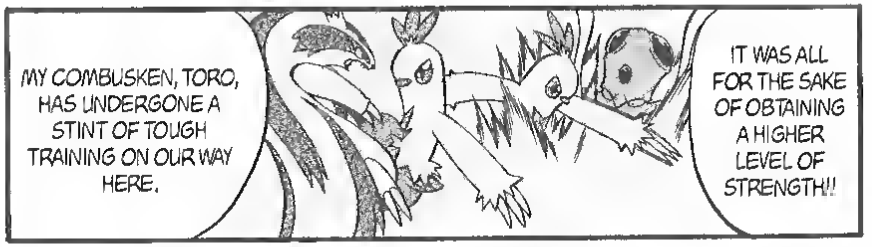
BLAST
DRAGONBREATH!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
TRYING TO HIDE AMONGST THE TREES?
HEH HEH... I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
YES! THIS IS THE CITY OF TREE-HOUSES!!
AND THE OPEN SPACE BENEATH THE HOUSES SERVES AS A GREAT BATTLE-FIELD!!
TREETOPS ENSHROUDED IN THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE CLOUDS IN THE SKY!!
ISN'T THIS THE BEST PLACE IN HOENN TO ENJOY A BATTLE ?!
TORO! DOUBLE TEAM !!
TMP
?!

BLAST
BLAST
BLAST
WHOOSH WHOOSH
WHERE IS IT?!
BA
H


GRR
THUMP
GRR


THAT... WAS A GOOD ONE.

I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU DIDN'T USE A FLYING POKÉMON...
...SUCH AS YOUR TROPIUS, FOR AN AIR BATTLE.
SO YOU WERE PLANNING TO HAVE A CLOSE-DISTANCE BATTLE ALL ALONG.
YUP! AND THAT'S NOT ALL!!


MY COMBUSKEN, TORO, HAS UNDERGONE A STINT OF TOUGH TRAINING ON OUR WAY HERE.
IT WAS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF OBTAINING A HIGHER LEVEL OF STRENGTH!!

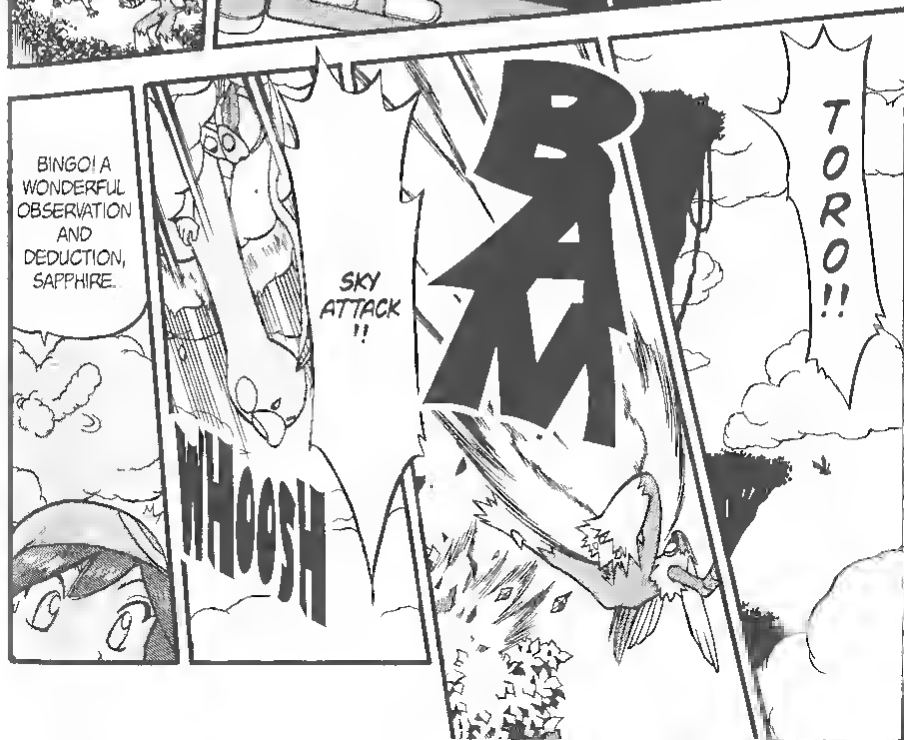
THAT'S WHY I KNOW...
BRR BRR
...THAT TORO'S GONNA...
...GAIN A NEW FORM DURING THIS BATTLE!!
YOU MEAN IT'S GOING TO...

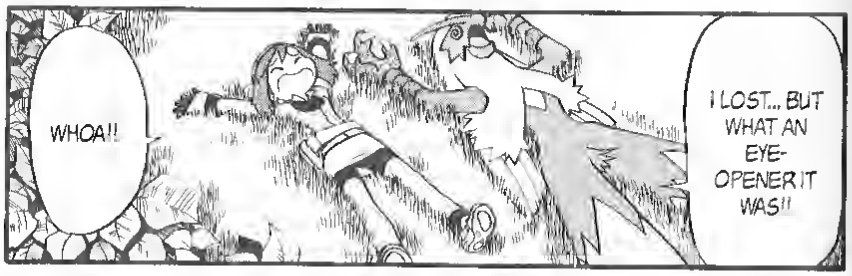
EVOLVE!!
GLOW
WHOOSH

BLAZE KICK!!
BAM
BOOM
I WIN!!
DID WE MANAGE TO SCALD IT?
WASN'T THAT A FLAMIN' BLAZE?!

HUH?

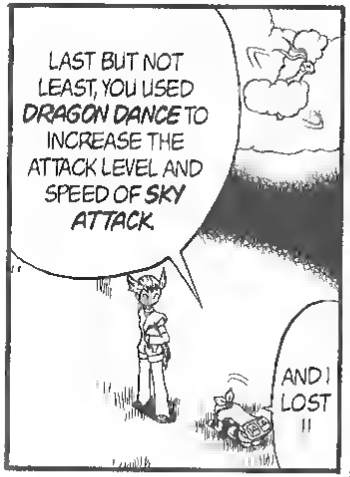
WHERE DID THE LEADER'S ALTARIA GO?!
THE CLOUDS !!
I SEE! IT USED ITS COTTON-LIKE WINGS TO CAMOUFLAGE ITSELF AMONGST THE CLOUDS!!

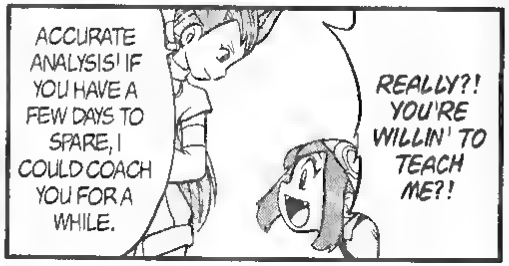

BINGO! A WONDERFUL OBSERVATION AND DEDUCTION, SAPPHIRE.
SKY ATTACK !!
WHOOSH
BAM
TORO!!

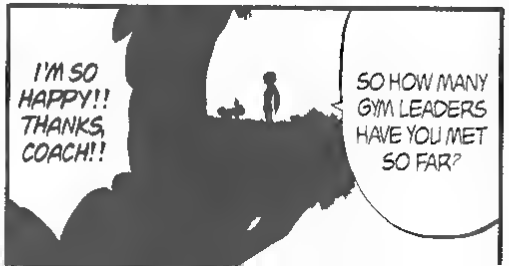

WHOA!!
I LOST... BUT WHAT AN EYE-OPENER IT WAS!!

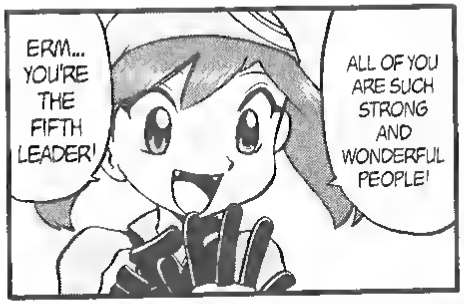
YOU WERE CARELESS WHEN YOUR POKÉMON EVOLVED AND WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD NAILED ME WITH YOUR BLAZE ATTACK.
BUT ALTARIA CAN HEAL ITSELF USING REFRESH.

MOREOVER, IT ALREADY POSSESSES A NATURAL ABILITY THAT ALLOWS IT TO HEAL ITS WOUNDS.
HENCE, IT'D BE BETTER FOR YOU TO AVOID ATTACKS THAT BURN OR SCALD.
OH! SEE


LAST BUT NOT LEAST, YOU USED DRAGON DANCE TO INCREASE THE ATTACK LEVEL AND SPEED OF SKY ATTACK.
AND I LOST !!


ACCURATE ANALYSIS! IF YOU HAVE A FEW DAYS TO SPARE, I COULD COACH YOU FOR A WHILE.
REALLY?! YOU'RE WILLIN' TO TEACH ME?!


I'M SO HAPPY!! THANKS, COACH!!
SO HOW MANY GYM LEADERS HAVE YOU MET SO FAR?


ERM... YOU'RE THE FIFTH LEADER!
ALL OF YOU ARE SUCH STRONG AND WONDERFUL PEOPLE!

HAH HAH HAH! I SEE.
HEY, EVERY-BODY !!
SHOW YOUR-SELVES, STRONG AND WONDER-FUL PEOPLE!!

HEY, WE SAW THE BATTLE!!
YOUR ATTACKS ARE STILL AS FEROCIOUS AS EVER!
BUT THEY WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN A BATTLE AGAINST WINONA! WAH HAH HAH!
WATTSON, WILL YOU JUST STOP SAYING THOSE STUPID JOKES? THEY'RE NOT FUNNY AT ALL!

AHH!!

ALL THE GYM LEADERS THAT I'VE MET THROUGHOUT MY JOURNEY!
YES. IN FACT, ALMOST ALL THE LEADERS HAVE GATHERED HERE FOR AN URGENT MEETING.
AN URGENT MEETING?

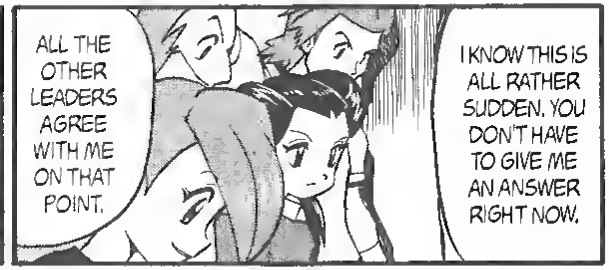
I REMEMBER THAT YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT 'BEFORE KYOGRE AWAKENS'.
IS THAT RELATED TO THE MEETING?
I WANTED TO MEET YOU BEFORE KYOGRE AWAKENS !!
BINGO AGAIN! YOUR WITS ARE AS SHARP AS THEY SAY!
BUT WHAT IS KYOGRE?

IT'S A POKÉMON.
IT'S ALSO A LEGEND ORIGINATING FROM ANCIENT TIMES!

IT IS SAID THAT THIS ANCIENT POKEMON WILL AWAKEN WHEN THE ENERGY BALANCE IS UPSET.
ALL THE GYM LEADERS HAVE GATHERED TO PREPARE FOR THIS EARTH-SHAKING EVENT.

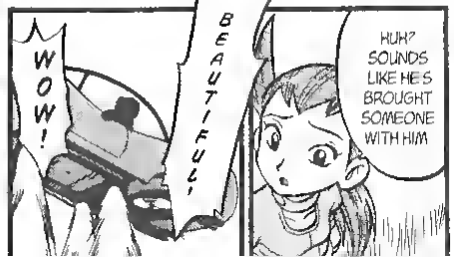
THERE'S BOUND TO BE A MAJOR WAR IN THE NEAR FUTURE!!
WE'D LIKE YOU TO LEND US A HAND. THAT'S THE REASON I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

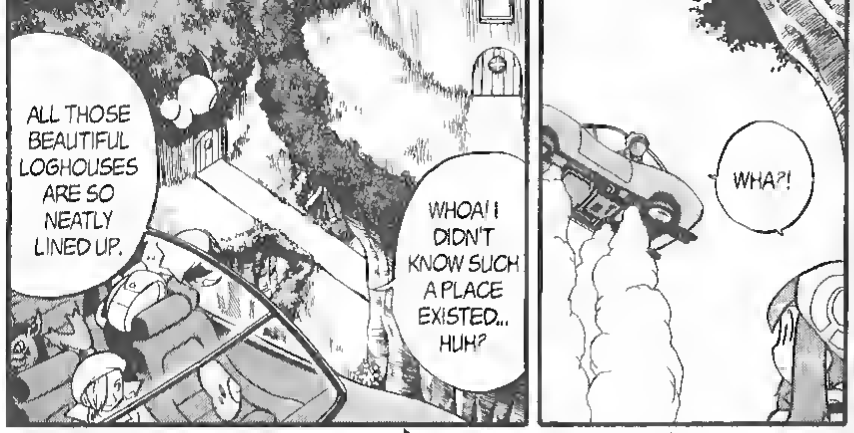
ME... YOU WANT ME TO HELP...

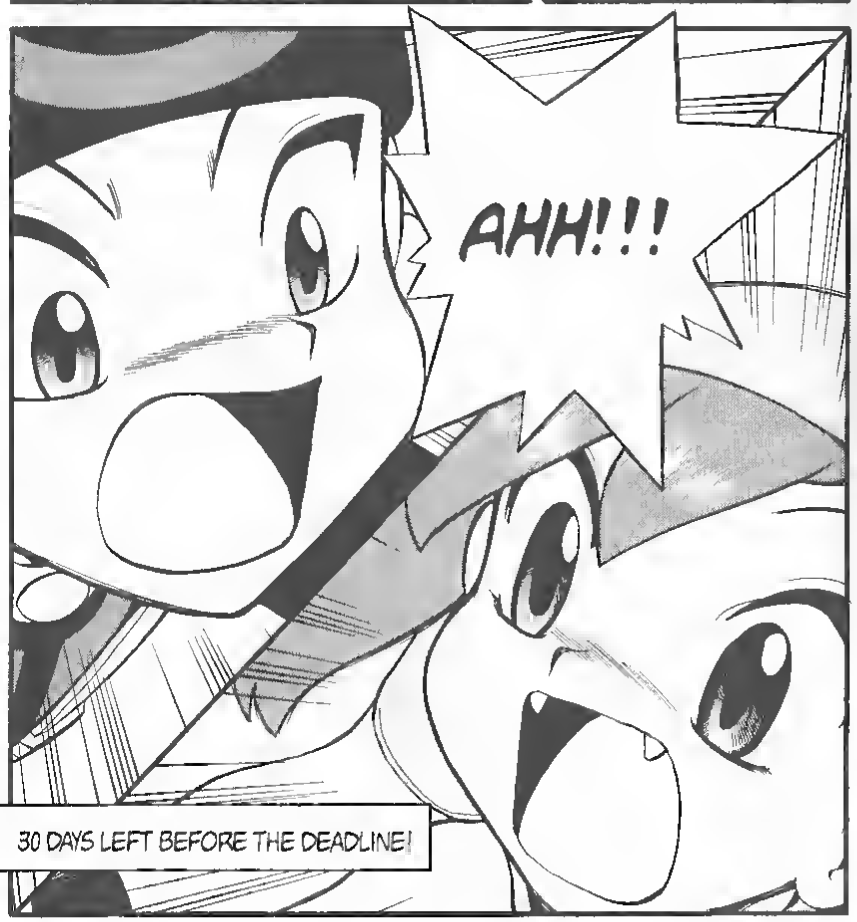

ALL THE OTHER LEADERS AGREE WITH ME ON THAT POINT.
I KNOW THIS IS ALL RATHER SUDDEN. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER RIGHT NOW.

JUST LET US KNOW BEFORE YOU LEAVE THIS CITY.
THERE'RE STILL SOME LEADERS WHO'VE NOT ARRIVED YET.
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THEM TOO.

VROOM
OH, THERE HE COMES.
HERE'S ONE LEADER WHO'S LATE.
MEET WALLACE FROM SOO-TOPOLIS


WOW!
BEAUTIFUL!
HUH? SOUNDS LIKE HE'S BROUGHT SOMEONE WITH HIM





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THANKS FOR ALL TROUBLE YOU'VE CAUSED ME
LONG TIME NO SEE
WHATTRE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Sapphire finally finds out about Ruby's true prowess!
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The tension rises as the leaders continue to disagree with each other!

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THE TWO EVIL TEAMS FINALLY MEET FACE TO FACE AND THERE'S NO STOPPING THE ENSUING UPHEAVAL IN THE WHOLE OF HOENN!! MEANWHILE, ANOTHER STORMY ISSUE IS SET TO BREW BETWEEN SAPPHIRE AND RUBY!!

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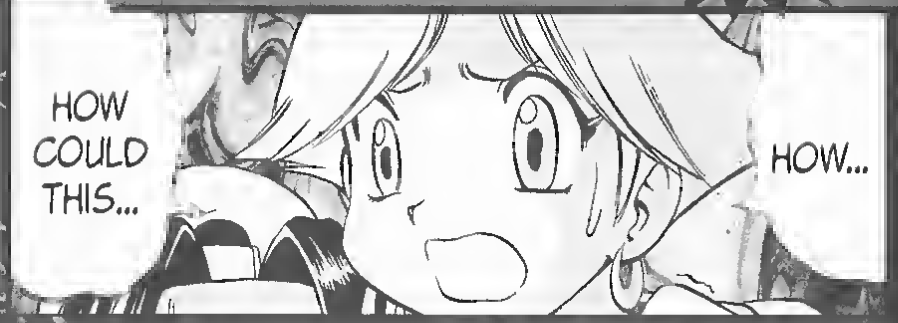

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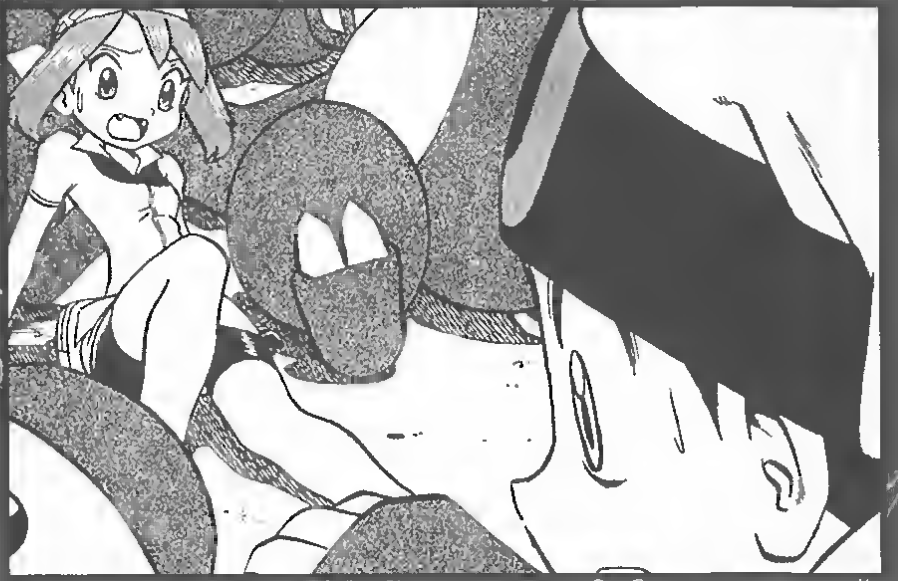
IT'S NORMAL FOR ME TO THINK FONDLY OF SOMEONE!

I'M A GIRL AFTER ALL.



BACK THEN, YOU WERE LYING TO ME, WEREN'T YOU?

YOU... YOU WERE *THIS* STRONG?

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Hoenn Region's LEGENDARY ANCIENT POKÉMON!!

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Ancient Pokémon of the Sea

KYOGRE

A deep-sea Pokémon that commands thunderstorms

The creator of rain and of the clouds that cover the sky! Storms and tsunami come at its bidding to wreck destruction upon the land. The ancient battle with Groudon caused it to sink into a deep slumber.

▲ It used to be a savior to living creatures, bringing rain to those suffering from drought.

The group that wants to revive Kyogre is

Team Aqua!

► Team Aqua is planning to revive Kyogre by increasing the surface area of the sea!

Ancient Pokémon of the Land

GROUDON

A land Pokémon that evaporates the seas with light and heat

The creator of intense heat energy that evaporates all liquids! Groudon's flames leave trails of desert wasteland. Its last battle with Kyogre had been a deadly one.

▲ It is said that long ago, its blazing heat had once saved millions of flood victims.

The group that wants to revive Groudon is

Team Magma!

Team Magma's wild ambition is to revive Groudon by expanding the land surface.

The two jewels that put a stop to the ancient battle?!

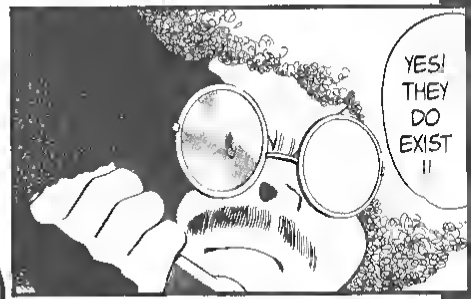
The deadly battle between Groudon and Kyogre would have been eternal, were it not for the mysterious power of two magical jewels that managed to quell the war. There are stories that claim that these jewels actually control the wills of the legendary Pokémon. These powerful jewels are located somewhere in Hoenn...

ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED MODIFYING THE DETECTOR, I'M SURE YOU WON'T NEED MY HELP IN THE SEARCH
HEH. QUICK TO CHANGE YOUR MIND AS USUAL, MARGE...

▲ The jewels are referred to as Red Jewel and Blue Jewel. The detector that Team Magma possesses is used as a tool in the search for the jewels!

The Director of the Pokémon Association knew about the ancient Pokémon?!

It appears that the Director had expected the return of the ancient Pokémon. He was quick to consent to the gym leader meeting that Flannery had requested, and the Pokémon Association seems to be readying itself to respond to more emergency calls. Does the Director have a hidden motive...?



▲ The ultimate figure of authority, he elects the gym leaders. It seems that someone has already received a secret mission from the Director and is carrying it out as we speak...

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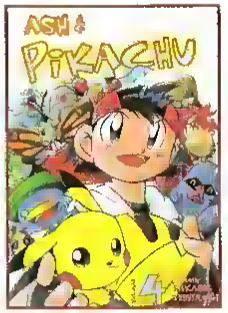

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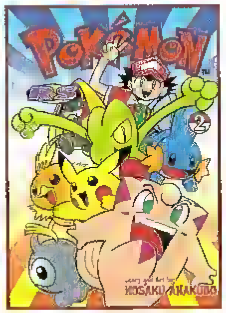

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